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## Bond issue fails

Only 52.66% say 'no' this time around

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Despite the efforts of the Crawford County School Board, a citizens group called *Kids Count* and pleas by teachers and school advocates, the bond proposal to improve and make additions to Grayling High has failed again.

With 100 percent of the ballots counted, the bond issue failed by a 1,051 - 945 vote.

In Precinct #1, 23.77% of its 6,950 registered voters cast ballots. The issue passed in Precinct #1, 830 - 812, but was not enough to make up for losses in the other two precincts.

In Precinct #2, a mere 16.22% of registered voters cast ballots. The bond issue failed, 167 - 87.

In Precinct #3, voter turn-out was also low, with only 19.27% of its

registered voters casting ballots. The bond issue failed by the greatest of margins here, with a 72 - 28 loss.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds, when asked if he would try for a third time with this proposal, said, "It's not up to me", then glanced over at a very disappointed School Board President, Marilyn Rosi.

"We're very disappointed," Rosi said. "It failed despite all of our hard work and all the hours volunteers have put into this bond issue."

Disappointment was also on the faces of high school students Sam Moore and Gina Rosi as the final results were revealed.

As Gina and her parents left the County Building election night, she looked back and said, "We should count."

## Gas and Oil tax money may mean \$226,500 for County

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Commissioner Kathy Black announced that the State House of Representatives passed legislation recently that would funnel back to the county about \$226,500 of tax severance from oil and gas drilling.

Black has campaigned hard for this legislation, organizing a small grassroots ad hoc group called GOALIES (Gas, Oil, and Land Impact Environment Statewide) composed of various elected officials, representatives from road commissions, and Michigan State University Extension offices.

Members of GOALIES testified before the House Committee on Forestry and Mineral Rights concerning the issue back in September. "The House passed the legislation unanimously, with a 97-0 vote last Wednesday. Now it's up to the State Senate to vote," said Black.

If the State Senate passes the legislation, 50 percent of the money returned would be placed in the County's General Fund and the remaining 50 percent would be

shared by townships where the gas and oil are drilled.

Black is urging the taxpayers of this county, and elsewhere in northern Michigan, to contact their State Senator immediately to make known the need for this tax-relief legislation in our area.

"The people did it. They let their voices be heard to House members," said Black. "Now the Senate must hear from the people."

In a Viewpoint column appearing in the October 22 issue of *The Avalanche*, Black wrote:

"Your voice is important and can be heard in Lansing. But, you have to make it happen."

Commissioner Dennis Long commended Black on her diligence and work to bring this kind of legislation about, possibly getting the taxpayers of Crawford County some of the tax benefits from gas and oil drilling.

State Senator George McManus can be reached by calling (517) 373-1725. His address is: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48908.



## Magical moments at the annual Christmas Special



**POOF!** - (Left) Joe Holiday magically brings a rose out of a ball of fire to offer to his assistant, Sharon, during his magic act in the Christmas Special December 3. (Above) Grayling High School student Joe Pilon was asked to come up on stage to assist Holiday with a humorous magic trick. Pilon was a good sport about putting a wad of toilet paper in his mouth.

## Babcock set to manage Road Commission

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Roscommon resident Don Babcock is preparing to start work next week as the new Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

He was hired two weeks ago by the Road Commission Board to fill the Managing Director position, which had been vacant for six months.

Babcock has worked at the Road Commission in Roscommon for over 20 years, most recently serving as Superintendent. He also served as director of the Roscommon Road Commission's engineering department.

"Engineering is my main area of expertise," said Babcock.

Babcock was born in Grayling, and raised in Roscommon. His wife Diane is a broker at a Higgins Lake-based real estate business.

The Babcocks have three children: Dustin, 16, Danielle, 13, and Deanna, 11.

Babcock said he is familiar with the Grayling and Crawford County area, especially the southern region of the county.

He lives about two miles from the Crawford County line, and will be commuting from his Roscommon area home. "They've allowed me to retain my residence," said Babcock.

He also said he enjoys building, and is a licensed builder.

As Managing Director, some of Babcock's general duties will include overseeing work crews, administering, reporting to the Board and doing engineering work.

"The Road Commission wants to eventually bring in an engineering staff to cut down on engineering fees and get back into construction," he said.

Babcock mentioned that township projects are very important to the workings of road commissions.

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## County board re-appoints Nelson to road board

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

At their December 8 meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners re-appointed Robert E. Nelson to another six-year term as a board member for the Road Commission.

Eight other Crawford County citizens had applied for the appointment advertised for two weeks in *The Avalanche* by the county. None of the applicants were given an interview, and much to the dismay of the crowd gathered for the meeting, the Board voted 4-2 to re-appoint Nelson.

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew voted "no" to the re-appointment. "We had nine qualified applicants and they should have been interviewed in order to make an informed decision," she said.

Besides Nelson, applications for the seat were made by Keith Bodi,

James Briney, Gerald Burns, Theodore Gomez, John Hartman, Gary J. McConnell, Thomas Perry, and Robert Young.

Commissioner Bob Smock said that the candidates could have been interviewed expeditiously "to take the politics out of this decision," while Commissioner Kathy Black said that, ethically, the new board should make the appointment.

Commissioner Dennis Long pointed out that it has been the board's policy when a sitting member of any board that they appoint shows interest in remaining on a board, and no discrepancies have been found with that individual, the county board has re-appointed that individual. Long also reminded the board that "many letters supporting Mr. Nelson" had been received by the board.

Commission Bruce Bretzke, after a motion to interview failed due to a

tie vote, made a motion to re-appoint Nelson. Voting in favor were Long, Smock, Bretzke and Chairman John Hartman. Voting against were Corlew and Black.

"This is a railroad job... I could smell the smoke coming in here," said Irv McIssac, after the vote was final.

The room cleared quickly thereafter, with most in attendance leaving visibly disgusted.

Robert McIntosh has been an active voice among the citizenry regarding the road board appointment. "I feel the commissioners are all quite intelligent, but their actions today were not as their consciences would have dictated," he said.

"They did a disservice to this county by not giving any attention to the other candidates," said McIntosh. "Their decision was politically motivated."

## City Council makes four re-appointments

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council recently re-appointed four incumbents to their positions on various governmental commissions. The terms that have been extended would have been up at the end of the year.

The council voted 5-0 to re-appoint Robert Ruddy to the Housing Commission, Art Thayer and Ruddy to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Bob Holzman to the Compensation Commission.

Ruddy's appointment to the Housing Commission is for a five-year term, which ends January 1, 2004.

Holzman's appointment to the

Compensation Commission is also for five years.

Ruddy and Thayer were appointed to three-year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Their terms will be up for re-appointment on January 1, 2002.

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## Lack of prosecutor's opinions leaves Board miffed

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The lack of action taken by Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss has created ill-will between his office and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

"Same list, different day," said Commissioner Kathy Black, when the Prosecutor's Opinion List came up on the agenda at their December 8 regular meeting.

Commissioner Bruce Bretzke commented, "Tens of thousands of dollars should be recovered by the county from Honeywell. Due to inaction by the prosecutor, the money is just left out there, dangling."

Black asked Terry Beardslee, chairman of the county's Building and Zoning Board, if he has had any luck getting answers from Huss.

"We couldn't get any further advancement from Prosecutor Huss. We've asked and asked."

Fearing that the statute of limitations could run out before the county could recover nearly \$70,000 from Honeywell, due to a misguided asbestos removal project at the county building beginning in 1996, Black said she would be willing to pay for a legal opinion on the matter herself.

Chairman John Hartman suggested that outside legal counsel be hired in the matter. He was quickly rebuffed by Commissioner Bob Smock who said, "This is the Prosecutor's job and the job's not being done."

Smock added, "He is in private practice apparently most of the time. He needs to take time to do his job for the county."

Commissioner Dennis Long stated

that he has asked Huss "for months for an opinion on creating the new position of Drain Commissioner," something the State of Michigan mandates for a county the size of Crawford County.

"We have met the population threshold in this matter and the position cannot be created without legal direction," Long said.

Bretzke accused Huss of "misfeasance" and made a motion to have the County Controller Paul Compo check with the State of Michigan to see what could be done about the Prosecutor not doing his job. There was no support by the board on the motion.

"Maybe the Prosecutor will be more cooperative with the new board in doing his job," said Long.

There was no further discussion in the matter.



Photo by Linda Goinick

**ANNUAL VISIT** - Tiffany Valentin, daughter of Joe and Barb Valentin of Grayling, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus December 5. More Breakfast with Santa photos on Page 1B.

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## Northern Michigan awaits Kirtland tech center decision

by Amy Lee  
Capital News Service

Lansing — An end-of-the-month deadline has Gaylord officials anxious over the fate of a proposed \$4.7 million technical training center.

"It's a long wait," said Carol White, executive director of the Gaylord-Otsego County Chamber of Commerce. "We moved quickly to get our application in, and now we just wait."

By the end of the month, the Michigan Jobs Commission will pick five communities to receive money to build training centers, said Kathy McMahon, communications specialist for the agency.

Kirtland Community College, Otsego County and numerous business and community leaders banded together last July to write a proposal for a 28,000 square foot center to be built near Gaylord High School.

That request was one of 26 the Jobs Commission received.

"We're a rapidly growing area, and one that's accessible from both sides of the state," White said. "There are a number of local manufacturing companies in dire need of skilled laborers."

Dressing up the Gaylord area to make it more attractive for businesses looking to relocate is one reason Kerry Harwood, manufacturing engineer for Standard Products Co., supports a training center.

"It's a 50-mile drive to the nearest training center, which can be quite a burden, especially in the winter," said Harwood. "This way, companies can do their training right here."

The centers are part of Gov. Engler's *Gold Collar* plan, which aims to train workers for high-skill, high-wage jobs that do not require a college degree.

"This program is on the fast track," McMahon said. "It's not one of those government things that will be hanging out there for a while."

Indeed, the training center grant requires recipient communities break ground within six months of award notification.

That means Gaylord High School students may see bulldozers and cranes outside their windows in June.

"It would be a great tie-in with the vocational programs we already have at the high school," White said.

An industry-wide need for skilled laborers and a desire to keep them in northern Michigan are two reasons H & H Tube and Manufacturing Co. jumped in to support the facility, said Nathan Neal, training coordinator for the company.

"We really don't have a spot to train," Neal said. "When we train workers ourselves, and they leave in six months, that's just a waste of time



sentation in late October at Hidden Valley Resort in Gaylord. The presentation allowed all parties to view the proposed location and discuss, in detail, the Kirtland Community College proposal.

Community support may sway commission members to support Kirtland's proposal, said Jerry Werle, communications director for the college. About 100 people attended the October presentation.

"The commission couldn't help but be impressed by the turnout from Gaylord-area business people," Werle said.

Community support is one crucial factor in deciding which communities receive the grants, McMahon said.

"We're focusing on how the community can sustain the center once it's built," she said. "We don't want to build a bunch of white elephants."

The \$30 million available for the grants will come from the Michigan Renaissance Fund.

Gaylord's center would cost about \$900,000 to run each year after construction. Funds would come from tuition and fees, an Otsego property tax millage and federal grants and donations.

The center would also be open to residents and taxpayers in those counties which Kirtland currently serves.

## County Board appoints Hartman to library board

by Cheryl Raley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 4-2, on November 24, to appoint Sharon Hartman to the Crawford County Library Board.

Hartman will replace Ron Joyce who served the remaining two years of Richard DuBois' five-year term.

According to librarian Tracie Compton, DuBois resigned from the library board when meeting frequency went from quarterly to monthly, due to a lack of time.

During the board's discussion prior to voting, Commissioner Bob Smock said, "Ron Joyce has done an excellent job for the library."

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew

pointed out that the library board "has operated with great expertise", but most members are from Grayling Township, causing representation to be "lopsided."

Corlew said that Hartman would be the first ever Beaver Creek Township resident to serve on the library board.

There was some confusion amongst the County Board members as to whether Chairman John Hartman was eligible to vote on the appointment of his wife to the library board.

Commissioner Dennis Long stated that Chairman Hartman would "neither be financially enhanced nor encumbered in his position as a commissioner" by his wife's appointment

to the library board.

The remaining commissioners agreed and allowed Hartman to vote.

Long followed with the statement that he agreed with Corlew in that the desire of the County Board is to represent as many areas of the county on various boards to which they appoint members. He added that this was the only reason not to re-appoint Joyce.

Commissioners Kathy Black and Bob Smock cast the two dissenting votes.

The Crawford County Library Board now consists of: Judy Hammond - President, Terry Wright - Vice President, Loretta Hassan - Secretary, Joe Wakeley - acting Treasurer, and members Sandra Briney and Sharon Hartman.

## Babcock set to manage Road Commission

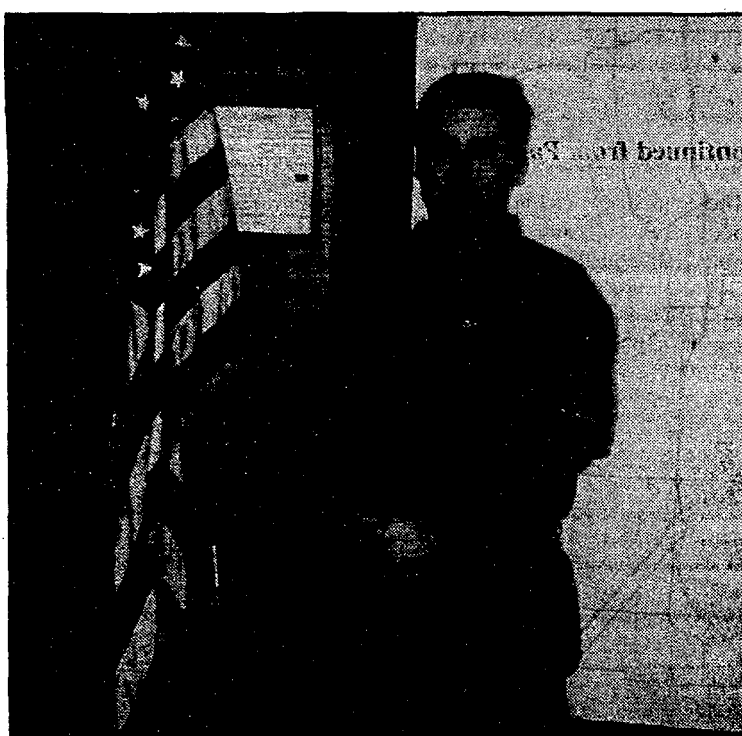


Photo by Caleb Case

**MANAGING DIRECTOR** -- Don Babcock is scheduled to start work as the new Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County on Monday, December 14.

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"I've always worked close with the townships," said Babcock. "I look

forward to meeting the township officials here."

"I'm here to do the best I can for the people," he added. "That's who pays the check."

Babcock finished by saying he is the type of person who "tells it like it is."

"If I have a problem, I let you know. If you have a problem, let me know," he said.

Babcock's first day at the Road Commission for Crawford County is set for December 14. His first meeting with the Board will be on Wednesday, December 23.

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## ***Youth Advisory Council completes survey***

The Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford Area Youth Advisory Council (ORCA YAC), organized this fall, has completed a needs assessment survey of school students in the three counties.

The survey was conducted as one of the requirements of the Kellogg Foundation's Youth Advisory Council program. The survey sheets of 28 needs were randomly distributed by YAC members to 200 fellow students ranging from 13 to 18 years of age in each county.

The students were asked to rate the needs from 'critical' to 'not a problem' in their community.

Based on the survey, the number one issue faced by area students is alcohol and drug abuse, followed closely by a lack of recreational facilities and programmed activities for youth to take part in.

The survey identified drunk driving as a separate concern.

Teen pregnancy and low self-esteem completed the list of most serious issues among the youth.

Maureen Nowak, a teacher from Grayling High School and senior YAC leader, said, "It is neat to see the students' perspective regarding what is important."

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) consists of five to seven youths from each of the four school districts in the three counties. Each school district is also represented by an adult advisor.

The concept of the YAC is to teach students the benefits of community involvement, philanthropy and grant making. It is the responsibility of the YAC to determine the distribution of income generated by the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Kellogg Youth Fund, a permanent endowment fund created through grants from the Kellogg Foundation. The income to be distributed from this fund in 1999 will be nearly \$9,000.

The ORCA YAC will review



**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Shown here at their third meeting is the Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford Area Youth Advisory Council. Front row: Amanda MacDermaid of Houghton Lake High School (HLHS), Chris Bass of Grayling High School (GHS), Alicia Huffman of Gerrish-Higgins High School (GHHS), Jill Sharow of Surline Middle School. Second row: Michael DeMeere (GHHS), Shaun Miller (GHHS), Ryan Chambers (GHHS), Tasha Martin (GHHS), Danielle Sharow (standing) of Ogemaw Heights High School (OHHS). Third row: Alexis Sumner (GHS), Kyle Ryan (OHHS), Nick Riegle (OHHS), Sarah Hatfield (GHS), Maureen Nowak, YAC Coordinating Advisor. Back row: Emily Currier HLHS Advisor, Karen Arleth GHHS Advisor, Peggy Fitzpatrick OHHS Advisor. Not shown: Amanda Kingston (HLHS), Heather Hatfield (GHS), Jessica Abfalter (GHS).

applications and prioritize needs according to their assessment. They will then allot this money in the form of grants to various programs that address these and other needs.

NCMCF was formed in June, 1997 to establish endowment funds that will improve the quality of life in the five area counties. All contributions raised by December 31, 1998 receive a 50% matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation for the Youth fund.

All residents of the five counties are encouraged to support an

NCMCF endowment fund by writing a check payable to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653, indicating the fund of choice in the memo section.

Nowak presented the results of the YAC needs assessment at the November board meeting of NCMCF saying, "We have a very positive bunch of kids anxious to get started. Three of the students involved attended a special YAC training program in 1996 to learn how to begin forming a local YAC."

**"Other members have attended training sessions this fall to prepare for the responsibility. They are happy to finally be pulling it all together."**

The ORCA YAC meets every third Tuesday, September through May at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Roscommon.

## City Council makes re-appointments

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The council also had to make an appointment to the Property Tax and Review Board, since board member Harold Golnick had submitted a letter of resignation.

Golnick was recently elected to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and that office is incompatible with the Tax and Review Board position. Golnick had served on the Review Board since 1970.

Councilman Robert Golnick moved that the council accept Harold Golnick's resignation and appoint Review Board alternate Art Thayer as a regular board member.

The council approved the motion 5-0.

The Tax and Review Board appointment is for an indefinite term.

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Charities warily eye 'living wage' laws

WHILE MOST of us a month ago were concentrating on who was elected governor, or state senator, or councilman, voters of the City of Detroit without fanfare adopted a local measure that could end up with plenty of clout.

By an overwhelming margin, Detroit voters decided that any organization which contracts with the City for business of any sort must pay at least "a living wage" almost 50 percent higher than the present minimum wage of \$5.15.

The absolute floor for city suppliers will be \$7.70 an hour base pay, plus insurance benefits, which could add another couple bucks an hour to employer costs.

So what's the big deal? Aren't we talking about the high paying construction industry and other city contractors already well over that level?

Not necessarily. They're included, of course, but so are a lot of other employers without such grand pay scales.

The Salvation Army for one, along with a flock of other charities, will be covered because they receive municipal aid, and they generally try to get by near the minimum \$5.15 an hour if possible.

The Salvation Army receives about \$300,000 from the city and estimates the new mandated higher wage might cost an additional \$1.5 million. That translates into less charity.

HIGHER WAGES could harm programs to get welfare clients back to work. Employers might be willing to hire at \$5.15 an hour, but not at \$8-10 an hour.

The same goes for various government-related youth employment projects, like summer jobs for teens.

Opponents of the higher wage fear that such programs will be eliminated or severely reduced, as higher wages eat up significantly more of available grant funds.

The idea behind the movement, of course, is that \$5.15 is hardly a living wage for anyone trying to raise a family. That's true.

But the minimum wage is exactly that — a minimum. Frequently it's a strictly learning entry level wage, or perhaps supplemental family income. Many family bread winners move quickly above that level.

The new, higher minimum for city-supported jobs falls in the \$16,000 a year range, and in Detroit that doesn't go as far as it used to, especially if there are a bunch of young mouths to feed.

So will the living wage law help low income families, raising them away from poverty level to decent lives?

Or, as its critics fear, will low-income jobs disappear as limited budgets for charity and public programs are stretched, job projects are curtailed or eliminated, meaning more families will be without any job income at all?

It remains to be seen. Meanwhile, the idea spreads. In Kalamazoo, the City Council is studying a living wage law. And in San Jose, CA, the city recently adopted a living wage program at \$9.50 an hour, or \$10.75 without benefits.

Higher cost of living in Silicon Valley, you know.

POLLS VS POLLS - Polling has become a way of life in American society.

Generally polls are pretty accurate. You wonder how pollsters can telephone a few hundred people on a given evening and come up with reliable data on how a state or nation sees an involved issue. But they do, and by and large, they're on the button.

Not always, however. During the heat of the 1998 political campaign, USA Today described a couple of polls on the lieutenant governor race in Vermont.

One media poll found Democrat Doug Racine with 44 percent, and Republican Barbara Snelling with 43 percent — a dead heat. Another found a 19 point spread.

How come? Well, the sample sizes were different — 626 likely voters in one and 400 eligible voters in the other. But otherwise, who knows? Even polls are not invincible.

HOWZATT? Tongues get twisted sometimes, and imagery becomes mixed.

In a House speech not long ago, arguing against prejudice and intolerance, U.S. Rep. Barbara Cubin of Wyoming said:

"We cannot lie down, we cannot bury our heads and we cannot sit on our hands."

And a critic might add: Oh we could... but not all at the same time.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## LETTERS TO THE

# EDITOR

### Taxpayers defend right to question bond issue

To the editor,

An open letter to the good citizens of Crawford County and especially Mr. Gary Fox. In a recent letter, Mr. Fox expressed his experiences with the Crawford AuSable School District and especially his satisfaction with his children's education. Mr. Fox's comments were in support of the Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollar bonding proposal.

In his last paragraph, Mr. Fox stated, "I have a stake in this community. I have lived here for almost 40 years. It's unfortunate that people like Mr. Seaver are so self-centered and negative. Mr. Seaver does not have a clue as to what is going on at any of the schools. If you think the taxes are too high here now, move back where you came from, you won't be missed."

Many times over the years we, too, have been told to return to where we came from. All responsible concerned citizens have a stake in their community, as well as a right to their opinions. Those who pay rent, those who own and those of us who own more than one residence have responsibilities. We

chose to live here and have more to contribute than our tax dollars.

We have owned property here for almost 30 years and were part time residents until three years ago.

For all those years we paid our taxes, not on a run down hunters' cabin, but on a full-size year-round custom-built home. We paid those taxes in-full, on time, and with very few questions.

You know a modern day version of taxation without representation. That means we paid all those taxes, all those years, and did not take services out of the community. Our children were not enrolled in school, they did not tie up the library or the court system — we just paid those taxes.

Those residents that could vote on how our tax monies were spent apparently were not good stewards of the public trust. You will have to look to yourselves for any lack of efficiencies in your school facilities or curriculum.

However, in the future we will be voting.

Richard and Carol Raybuck Grayling

## VIEWPOINT

### Finally, action for older Americans

by U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham

In 1992 Congress enacted the "Older Americans Act." This legislation has provided the funding needed to run a number of programs very important to Michigan's seniors.

Thanks to the Older American Act, in western Michigan alone, in fiscal year 1997, about 4,173 seniors received meals at various central locations, 4,799 received meals in their homes, and another 8,852 seniors got help in the form of home health workers, adult daycare and homemaker services, and transportation.

These programs have fed the needy, cared for the sick, and provided the means many seniors need to get out of the house to run errands

and see other people.

Take, for example, the home-delivered meals program. Literally thousands of seniors every week receive hot, nutritious meals in their homes thanks to the dedicated people who run these programs in our local communities.

Due to arthritis, osteoporosis, and other ailments, many of these seniors cannot leave their homes on their own and have great trouble cooking for themselves.

For many of them, the food delivered to them under the Older Americans Act is critical for their health. These are often the only hot, balanced meals they get during the week. And the social contact isolated seniors get from the person deliv-

ering their food is important for their emotional well-being.

Unfortunately, the Older Americans Act has been in a precarious condition since 1995, when Congress failed to reauthorize it. Since then, programs funded under the Older Americans Act have been continued only on a year-to-year basis.

Because of uncertainty over funding, the people who dedicate their lives to these programs have been unable to plan as they would like for the future.

Worse, many seniors have been made to worry that their programs may be cancelled.

In 1996, Nutrition Services, an agency providing hundreds of hot

meals every day to shut-ins, in Ottawa, Muskegon, and Oceana counties, had to temporarily cut back its deliveries that often provided seniors with their only hot meals. We can't let that happen again.

Thankfully, it appears that, this year, Congress will reauthorize the Older Americans Act, fully funding it for the next three years.

This is not a permanent solution. Debates continue over whether administrative reforms are needed to make the programs more efficient. But the key is to keep critical seniors' programs fully funded while details are worked out. I am confident that this reauthorization will guarantee necessary funding for these programs.

### Friend is tired of citizens bickering over road board

To the editor,

After having lived in the Grayling area for nearly 23 years, and being a subscriber to *The Avalanche* for all of that time, I especially enjoy the paper.

I like reading the columns and Letters to the Editor, so I thought it was about time I made some comments about all the bickering that the certain group of people have done to chastise our elected officials and appointees in this community.

There are a lot of fine servants of this county. Their jobs are tough enough to do without some of our fine citizens complaining year after year.

I would like to say that a couple of my friends are being subjected to a lot of unnecessary criticism by a few individuals who seem to think they are the complete judges of all that goes on in this county.

These friends I am talking about are the two road commissioners, Ray Swiercz and Bob Nelson.

To say that these men are not doing their jobs seems kind of

ridiculous when the commission has been running quite well since April, without a manager.

So, my thoughts are that you don't hang someone out to dry when he or she is doing their job.

I am sure that the courts will decide who's right or wrong. I guess when one is expressing oneself, these old adages, "What goes around, will come around," and "What goes up, must come down," come to mind.

But, I am sure there will be those who will not let go of the knife, but will continue to twist deeper without thinking of the consequences.

I would like to close by asking... Where are all the problems that the road commission seems to be having?

I guess some of us don't see the light at the end of the tunnel. To have a friend is to know a real one.

I appreciate you letting me complain a little, too.

Paul Elekonich Grayling

## Historically Speaking



Photo courtesy of Wesley Smith

HANSON CAFE BASKETBALL -- The 1936-37 Hanson Cafe Basketball Team: (left to right, back row) Norman Dawson, Leland Marshall, Borchers, Ken Gothro, Llwyn Doremire. (left to right, front row) Rudy Harrison, Geo Hanson, Leo Lovely, Art May, Robert "Bud" Sorenson, Frank Bennett. For present day basketball action check out the Grayling Vikings on Friday, December 11, in the Grayling High School gym. The JV and Varsity Vikings will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights, with JV starting at 6 p.m. and Varsity immediately following.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Goodfellow newspapers help kids

Kiwanis Club of Grayling members will be on the street on Friday and Saturday, December 11 - 12, with their annual Goodfellow Christmas newspapers. Donations for the papers are accepted and all monies raised during this annual fund-raising event are returned to the community by Kiwanis in many children's programs which they help support.

### Students to give piano recital

Piano students of Karen Mirate will be giving a piano recital on Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church on M-72 West in Grayling. The public is welcome to attend.

### Michelson reschedules Christmas play

Due to circumstances beyond their control, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church has had to reschedule its production of *The Christmas Schooner*. Tentative plans are to reschedule the production sometime during the 1999 holiday season.

### Girl Scouts to hold one-day cookie sale

Girl Scout Troop 2458 will hold a one-day cookie sale on Saturday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of Glen's Market. All your favorites will be available. For more information, please call Troop Leader Lemae Kurtzner at 348-1026 or Co-Leader Angie Pickell at 348-2870.

### Legion Auxiliary plans Christmas party

The Grayling American Legion Auxiliary 106 Christmas Party will be held at the post on Wednesday, December 9. A potluck dinner at 6 p.m. will be followed by playing card bingo. Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange and bring a guest. For more information, please call Wilma Case at 348-1369.

### Transplant Support group to meet

The next meeting of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will be held on December 10, at 7 p.m., in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord. The support group is designed for anyone who is pre or post-transplant, their families, caregivers and/or donors. For more information, please call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188, Suzie Coveyou at (616) 347-7844 or OMH Health Education Department at (517) 731-2193. If Gaylord Schools are closed due to weather conditions, the meeting for that month will be cancelled.

### Rotary Club to award scholarship

The Grayling Rotary Club is now accepting applications for college scholarship money for those having completed one year of college. Proof of enrollment is required (copy of students fall schedule) and applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1998. Scholarship application forms can be picked up in the Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School offices.

### Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner of \$100 for week 10 is Gary Derenzy.

### Toys for Tots has five collection sites

Toys for Tots boxes are now located at five sites - Century 21 River Country Real Estate, Glen's Market, Chemical Bank North, Citizens Bank and the AAA office in the Grayling Mini-Mall. A box will also be available at the Business After Hours, December 17 to be held at the Grayling Holiday Inn, sponsored by Star Publications. All toys collected will be distributed to Crawford County children through the Crawford County Christian Help Center. For more information, please call Marianne Gosnell at 348-8253.

### Chamber seeks award nominees

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will be awarding the Citizen of the Year and ATHENA Awards at the annual \$10,000 Raffle on Saturday, January 16, 1999.

The awards are given for those individuals that have contributed to the community. Each award recognizes an individual for business or professional accomplishments and for community service.

The award also considers persons

especially for mentoring others and providing a role model to encourage women to achieve their full leadership potential. Both men and women are eligible to receive the awards.

Deadline for nominees is December 15. Applications may be obtained at the Chamber office or by calling 348-2921.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased from any Chamber Board member or at the Chamber office.

### Mitten Tree is library tradition



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

**HAND WARMERS** - Library staff members, Becky Deline (left) and Ben Duby (right), stand next to the Mitten Tree on display at the Crawford County Library. Mittens, hats and scarves may be donated for display until mid-December. Donated items will be distributed to those in need by the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

## GHS to host annual 'Meet the Grads Day'

On Wednesday, December 23, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day" in the library.

To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors.

Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the

event by sharing their feelings about the transfer from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held in the GHS library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Counseling Department.

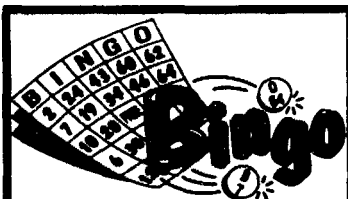
We encourage all persons currently involved in continued education to attend the annual presentation of this event.

### Correction

In the November 19 issue of *The Avalanche*, the photographer responsible for the picture showing the cast of *Anything Goes*, appearing on Page 2A, was misidentified as Nancy Lemmen.

Jon Welt was the photographer.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.



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Mustard to go along with gourmet pretzels.

How about some Thin Almond, Lemon or Ginger Snap cookies set out on a Laurie Gates hand-painted cake plate for that special someone?

Or, have The Icehouse put together a gift basket of gourmet dessert mixes, such as Peach Cobbler, Apple-Cinnamon Crisp and Cherry-Oatmeal Crunch.

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FRI 11	• <b>GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING</b> @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 12	• <b>COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> at the Grayling Moose Lodge, 7970 S. Grayling Rd. From 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., ages 1 - 7.
SUN 13	• <b>GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING</b> @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • <b>ATTEND THE CHURCH</b> of your choice today.
MON 14	• <b>KIWANIS CLUB</b> meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. • <b>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS</b> meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. • <b>GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING</b> @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • <b>WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS</b> meet for Christmas Party! Call Betty Mansfield at 348-8562 for details.
TUES 15	• <b>GPA MEETING</b> @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • <b>AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION</b> dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. • <b>AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON</b> meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. • <b>GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING</b> @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 16	• <b>ROTARY MEETING</b> @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • <b>WEIGHT WATCHER'S</b> meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • <b>COA BOARD MEETING</b> @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. • <b>GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING</b> @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Responsibility

Human beings have from their beginning tried to blame someone else for their sins. Adam blamed Eve for his sin in the garden of Eden. (Genesis 3:12). Eve in turn blamed the devil for her sin. Genesis 3:13). People often blame environment, genetics, family, friends, or even society in general for all their problems. We have become a nation of victims. No one accepts blame for their own problems any more. The basic flaw in this presupposition concerns human nature. If humans are basically good as liberals believe, then no person will ever choose to do wrong or evil without outside influence.

God tells us humans are totally depraved by sin. Describing his sinful nature, David said, (Psalms 51:5) "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalms 58:3) "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Ecclesiastes 7:20) "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Romans 3:23) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Human may explain away sin, but a Holy God will hold every one of us

responsible and accountable for our actions. God said, (Proverbs 1:30-31) "They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. {31} Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Galatians 6:7-8) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. {8} For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

God reminds us that our character is revealed by our conduct. (Romans 2:6-10) "Who will render to every man according to his deeds: {7} To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: {8} But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, {9} Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; {10} But glory, honour, and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." (1 John 3:7) "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is

righteous, even as he is righteous."

As Americans, we need to seek spiritual revival. (Hosea 10:12) "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." We need to pray for divine intervention. (Psalms 119:126) "It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law." (2 Chronicles 7:14) "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Each of us must accept responsibility for the spiritual condition of our country, homes, and our lives.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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## Van Nucks celebrate 50 years

Allen and Colleen Van Nuck, former residents of Grayling, were feted at the Holiday Inn in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their ten children from Michigan, California, Tennessee and Taiwan gathered for the celebration, as well as twelve of their sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many friends.

The Van Nucks were married October 16, 1948 at St. Peter's Church in Mt. Clemens, where they lived until they moved to Grayling in 1972.

As part of their celebration, they renewed their marriage vows at St. Mary's Church with the Reverend Robert Nalley officiating.

Before they retired to Sebring, Fla., she was a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital and he was employed at LP Plastics.



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### Card of Thanks

I wrote a special thank you to Dr. Burkley, the Hospice team, Lovells Chapel, Guild, Cheerful Givers, Sorenson Funeral Home, Derek and all his help, Elder Harry Hyde (Arleigh's cousin) and friends that helped us through this time.

The family of Arleigh Tubbs

## Church Directory

### But for the Grace of God...

The weather is cold. The chocolate is hot. In the living room, the fireplace pops and crackles while snow falls silently against steamed window panes. Oh, how wonderful to be in our cozy home, laughing at the cold, daring it to enter our warm haven.

Most of us are fortunate. We have shelter and food. We snuggle up close to those we love. One flick of the thermostat creates our chosen environment.

Everyone is not so fortunate. Some huddle over sidewalk grates for temporary warmth. Others beg on street corners for enough change to buy a hot cup of coffee or a frugal meal. We may view them with disdain, assuming that they do not care enough to better themselves.

God tells us not to judge, but to love even "the least of these..."

Enter God's house this week. Thank Him for His blessings and pray for those less fortunate.

**WINTER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 3:1-12	Malachi 3:1-18	Malachi 4:1-6	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Psalms 72	Isaiah 11:1-16

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Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 348-4033  
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
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Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

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Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
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Sunday Service ..... 10 am

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Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

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Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

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Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

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## Local bottler ships water to hurricane-damaged Nicaragua

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Aquavita Bottling Company, a local distributor of Avita brand bottled water, recently donated a truckload of its product to Nicaragua, which is in dire need of clean water following hurricane "Mitch" and recent flooding.

The truckload, which contained 35,000 one-half liter bottles of Avita water, was stocked and sent on its way to Managua, Nicaragua on Thursday, December 3.

"From there it will be distributed to the people," said Terry Maurer, owner and C.E.O. of Aquavita Bottling.

Maurer said that the impulse to donate the water was sparked while

watching news footage of the hurricane-devastated area, in which people were drinking dirty and contaminated water.

"I thought, 'Hey, I've got extra water, I'll donate some,'" said Maurer.

Maurer donated the water through the Mission Chapels Foundation (MCF). The specific MCF campaign is called "A plea for help," and its aim is to provide relief to Honduras and Nicaragua. The region lost most of its crops and road systems to the hurricane. Insects and bad water are causing rampant disease.

"The first thing they asked for was water purifiers, water purification tablets and bottled water," said Maurer.

The relief effort is also seeking other important items that are in short supply, such as medicines, tools, pesticides, rain gear and building materials, among many others.

MCF was started by Tom Monahan, founder of Domino's Pizza.

Maurer said he has known Monahan for quite a while, and knew of the MCF charity, which has been working to help Nicaragua and Honduras for quite some time. In the end, Maurer decided to use Monahan's charity to donate the water.

Maurer said that his company is fairly new, having been in business for just over a year.

Construction of the Aquavita

Bottling Company was finished on July 1, 1997. The plant is located 10 miles southeast of Grayling, near an artesian water source.

The company has five distribution centers in Michigan, Florida, New Jersey, Maryland and Illinois each have one Avita distribution center.

"We're planning to be a national brand to compete with Evian, Mountain Valley and Naya," said Maurer, "and that's what we're doing."

Avita water is available at many local retailers and businesses.



NICARAGUA BOUND -- Bob Millikin, Production Manager at Aquavita, stands next to the truckload of water set to be delivered to Managua, Nicaragua.

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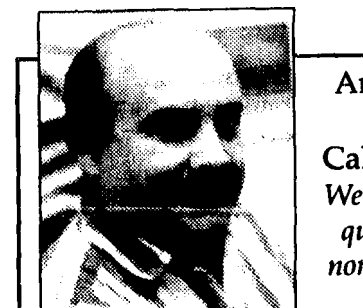
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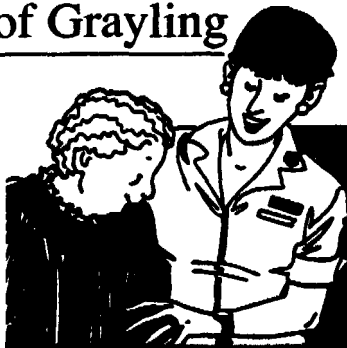
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## Kirtland Center receives performing arts grant

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts announced that it was among a select group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive a 1998-99 Heartland Arts Fund Grant.

This award will support an upcoming performance of Chicago's Child's Play Touring Theatre at Kirtland Community College on December 11. Child's Play Touring Theatre will be involved in residencies in local schools.

The Heartland Arts Fund, a joint venture of regional arts organizations, Arts Midwest, and Mid-America Arts Alliance, serves a 15-state region, including Michigan, and helps presenters of music, theatre, opera, and dance introduce professional artists from outside their home states to local audiences.

Heartland received more than 500 applications for the 1998-99 season of which 323 received funding for a total of over \$630,000 of funds designated.

David J. Fraher, Heartland's Chairman said, "Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with this distinctive event."

"Audiences in Michigan will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of Chicago's Child's Play Touring Theatre, many for the first time, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts."

Sixteen in-school, hands-on workshops are scheduled for December 9 and 10, 1998. On those days, professional artists will each facilitate in-depth workshops at different school.

On Friday, December 11, Child's Play Touring Theatre will present a holiday performance written entirely by children. One play, written by students from a local classroom, will be presented along with the company's other selections.

The Heartland Arts Fund enables individuals and families throughout America's heartland to share in and enjoy the arts and cultures of our region and the world.

For more information on the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, please call (517) 275-5000 or the ticket office at (517) 275-6777.

## City purchases new sewer truck

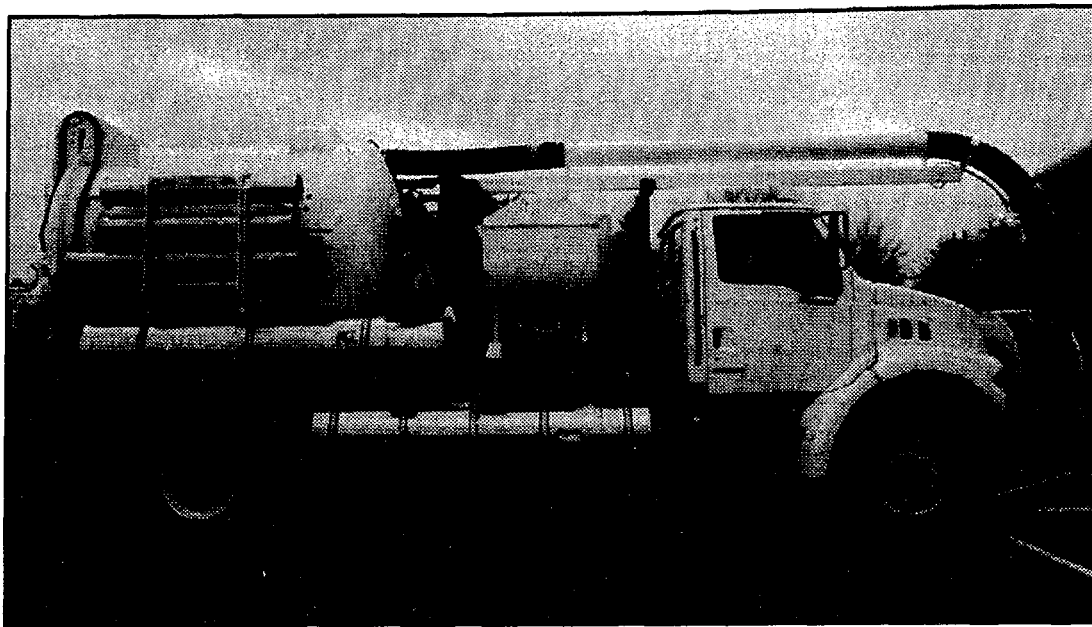


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# Special gifts can be protected with these packing tips

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

If you are like most people, you will be mailing a package to a loved one or friend this Christmas season.

The Grayling Post Office has offered some rules and tips for their postal customers to follow to help make sure packages arrive at their destination intact and in a timely manner. Remember, all packages weighing at least one pound must be taken into the post office for mailing.

First, select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents and leave space for cushioning inside the box. You can obtain Express Mail and Priority Mail boxes, envelopes, and mailing tubes for free from the post office.

If you are not sending your package by Express or Priority Mail, then you can purchase corrugated boxes, padded bags, tubes, envelopes and cushioning material at the post office.

Next, cushion the package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap, or styrofoam peanuts. Plain air-popped (not buttered) popcorn is also a good, inexpensive and environmentally-friendly way to cushion the contents. Remember to pack tightly to avoid shifting.

When shipping fragile items follow these tips:

- Stuff glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock.

- When mailing framed photographs, remove the glass from the frame and wrap it separately.

- When shipping battery-operated toys and electronics, remove the batteries, wrap and place them next

to the gift in the mailing box.

Postal regulations require that tape designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced kraft paper tape, or glass-reinforced pressure sensitive tape, be used on every package shipped.

The post office will not accept for shipment packages wrapped in brown or any other paper. It also cannot accept those tied with string or sealed with masking or cellophane (Scotch) tape.

Before sealing the package, include inside an extra mailing label or piece of paper containing the address of both the sender and the recipient, just in case something happens to the outside label.

When filling out labels, always print or type clearly the complete address. Include correct designations, such as AVE, BLVD or ST and use correct directionals, such as N, W and SW. Don't forget apartment or suite numbers and always use the two-letter state abbreviations.

Use of an incorrect ZIP Code is probably the most common reason for a delay in delivery of a package. If you are not sure of a ZIP Code, don't hesitate to contact the post office for the right one. And, if at all possible, always use the ZIP+4 and make sure you hyphenate it. ZIP Codes can also be obtained at the Postal Service web site: [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov).

Place the delivery and return addresses on one side only on the outside of the box. Use ink that will not run if it gets wet. To really protect the mailing label(s), seal with clear packing tape.

Before taking your package(s) to the post office, you may want to write with a red marker FRAGILE

and/or THIS SIDE UP on the box(es) when applicable.

To lessen the possibility of having a package "lost in the mail", have it insured for a small fee. And, mail your package(s) as early as possible to arrive in time for Christmas.

Customers often find themselves frustrated, while waiting in line, for a package to be re-taped or completely re-packaged to meet postal regulations.

If all postal customers would follow these tips and rules, lines would move quicker at the post office during this busy time of the year.

The Grayling Post Office will extend its hours for the next two Saturdays, December 11 and 18, to 3 p.m.

## Lowe and Bradstreet attend northern tourism conference



**TOURISM MEETING** -Job providers, local officials and state lawmakers recently gathered at Lewiston's Garland Resort for the fourth annual Northern Lower Michigan Legislators' Conference on Tourism. State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, left, welcomes Ken Bradstreet, representative-elect for the 105th District. Lowe, a long-time advocate for northern Michigan's tourism industry, is leaving office at year's end as term limits take effect.

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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



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Your feet aren't supposed to hurt or cause you discomfort. When they do, there are many steps you can take to get relief. The first is a visit to your podiatrist. When hammertoes and other foot problems have got you down, let GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C. do what we do best—diagnose and treat the problem so you're back on your feet quickly and painlessly. We're located at 1209 E. Eighth Street, Traverse City. Please call 922-9100 & (800) 968-7440 for an appointment. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. We wish you a happy holiday season.

P.S. Patients may walk immediately after this procedure, though they may require a surgical shoe for up to three weeks.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

New video sets at the Crawford County Library are Essential Opera and Sister Wendy's Story of Painting.

The Essential Opera is a set of two videos featuring highlights from world famous operas. Carmen, Barber of Seville, Madam Butterfly, Aida, Figaro, LaBoheme and Tosca are a few of the operas chosen. Performers featured include Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, Joan Sutherland, Maria Ewing and Mirella Freni.

Sister Wendy's Story of Painting is a series of five videos; Early Art, The Renaissance, Baroque of Romanticism, The Age of REvolution and Modernism. Early Age begins with the cave paintings in Lascaux, journeys to Rome and the Sistine Chapel, Rembrandt in the Netherlands, on to England with the

Industrial Revolution, Gainsborough and Turner's works, and end with Picasso and pop art of Andy Warhol of the 1960's in Modernism.

Videos checked out from the Crawford County Library for one week with a \$2 deposit. The deposit is refunded when the videos are returned on time in the Library.

Additional videos are available in the areas of travelogues, history, how-to's, children's classic and miscellaneous.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. [www.grayling-mi.com/library/htm](http://www.grayling-mi.com/library/htm).

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

A total of 77 complaints were reported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from November 30 to December 7, 1998:

Two assaults; three larcenies, two cases of fraud; one case of personal property damage; one family/child incident; nine public peace; six health and safety; three conservation; four miscellaneous crimes; one service of legal papers; three calls concerning minors; 15 accidents; two traffic safety calls; one false alarm; one civil/family trouble; five suspicious situations; 18 general non-criminal calls.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during December 9 - 15:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

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## Card of Thanks

I want to thank all my family, friends, churches, for all their prayers and support through my illness and my guardian angel, Nita Toland.

A special thanks to all the Amicare staff and the hospital for the great care, and to two great doctors, Dr. Murphy and Dr. Ramaswamy. Thanks for the care and putting up with me.

Judy Walker Orzechowski

## OBITUARIES

### Edwin L. Owens

Edwin L. Owens, age 72, passed away at Bon Secours-St. Joseph Nursing Home in Port Charlotte, Florida on December 1, 1998.

Edwin was born in Grayling on September 2, 1926 to Fran and Lucille (Sullivan) Owens. He married Lila M. Beck on August 21, 1948 in Flint.

He worked as a carpenter, superintendent in construction and was employed at Forrester Construction in Flint for 40 years. He was a member of the Michigan Carpenters Union, the American Legion Post 106, Grayling, and the Grayling Booster Club. He served in the US Navy during World War II.

Mr. Owens is survived by his wife Lila Owens; one daughter, Edna and John Gilbert of Swartz Creek; two sons: Bernie and Martha Owens of Durand, and Michael Owens of Flint; Five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one brother, Donald Owens of Eastpointe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Robert in 1969.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 5, 1998 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling with Reverend William F. Fraser officiating. Burial took place at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling with the presence of the American Legion Post 106 and members of the Michigan National Guard.

### Beatrice L. Barnard

Beatrice L. Barnard, 97, passed away at her Florida home on December 6, 1998.

Beatrice spent her summers in Grayling and her winters in Titusville, Florida with her daughter Mary Jane (Mrs. Johannes "Joe") Jorgenson.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Jane Jorgenson; granddaughters: D. Manning Williams of Garden City and Robyn Kozuch of Hartland; and great-granddaughter Kayla Kozuch.

Her son Charles lost his life in action while serving with the USAF during World War II.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 11, 1998 at the North Brevard Funeral Home, 1450 Norwood Ave., Titusville, FL 32796, with participation by the American Legion Auxiliary Post #1, VFW Auxiliary, DAV Auxiliary and Gold Star Mothers.

### Elizabeth McFarlane

Elizabeth "Betty" McFarlane, 77, of Grayling, passed away on December 3, 1998 at her son's residence in Orange Park, Florida.

Mrs. McFarlane was born in Grayling on July 10, 1921 to Isaac and Susie (LaMotte) Bousley.

Betty was life-time resident of Grayling. She worked as a bartender at the Arrowhead Inn, The Penguin, the Plaza Bar and the Wag-On-Inn. Legend has it that Betty received a prize for winning a name contest for Spike's "Keg O' Nails" when that landmark opened.

Mrs. McFarlane is survived by one son, Richard Campbell of Orange Park, Florida; two daughters: Janet LaGrow of Crescent City, Florida and Linda Daly of Middleburg, Florida; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 12, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling with the Reverend Anthony Citro officiating. Cremains burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. Viewing will take place on Friday, December 11 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

### Virginia Branning

Virginia Ross Branning, 63, passed away on November 26, 1998 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Virginia was born on February 16, 1935 to George Ross and Doris Smith in Indianapolis, Indiana. George Ross lived on McIntyre Landing from the 1950's through the 1980's. Virginia was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Indianapolis, Indiana.

She is survived by two sons: Tom Branning of Carrollton, Texas and Bill Branning of Carmel, Indiana; one daughter, Anne Koval of Rome, Italy; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held on Thursday, December 10, 1998, 11 a.m., at the Smith Funeral Home, Inc., Carmel, Indiana. Visitation will be on Thursday, December 10, 1998, 10 a.m. until service time.

Family suggest donations to donor's favorite charity.

## HONORS

### Michigan State University summer graduate

Mark Thomas Whitaker of Grayling has been named a degree candidate for the summer of 1998 at Michigan State University. Whitaker has earned a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Teaching.

### Michigan State University honor student

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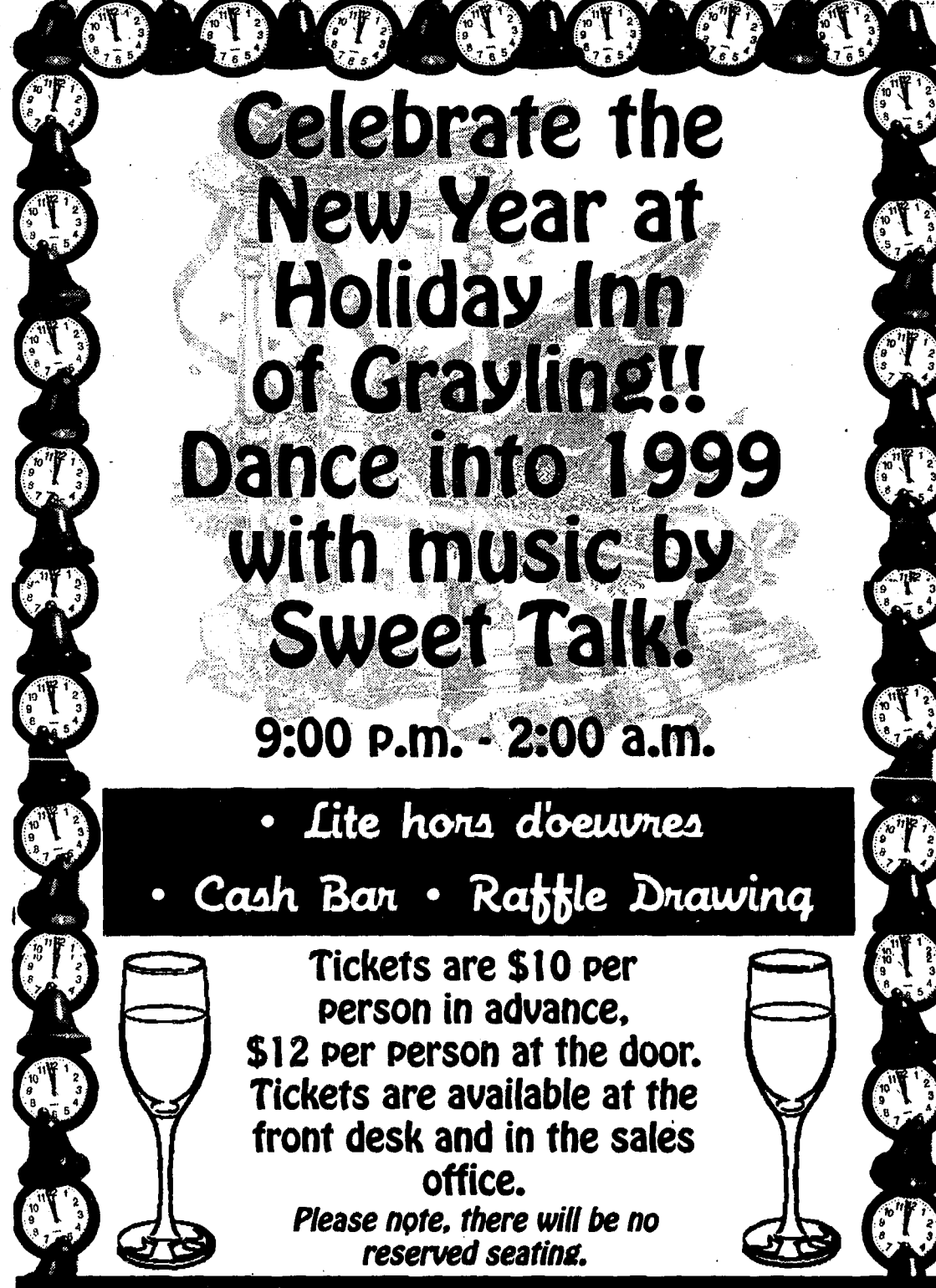
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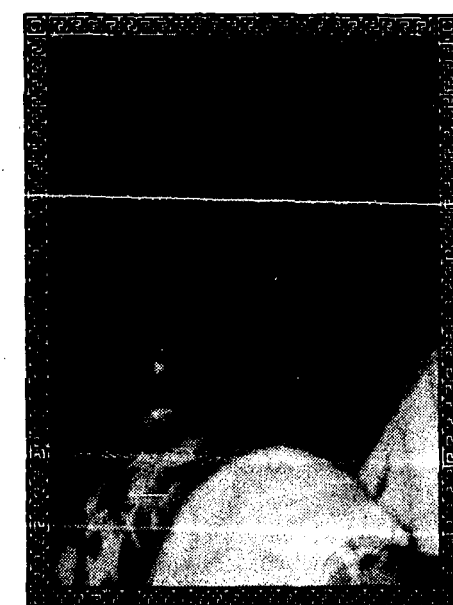
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## Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to all of our family, friends and relatives in the recent loss of our mother, Eileen Parsons.

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Words do not appropriately express the true type of mother, grandmother and friend we laid to rest. Her strength, determination, humor and devotion to her religion carried us all through struggles within our own lives as well as those around her.

We feel very blessed to have had such a devoted, loving mother and grandmother, and while we are saddened by her departure, we are content knowing that those who knew her, knew what a truly remarkable and caring woman she was.

Sincerely,

The Family of Eileen Parsons  
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## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

### November, 1998 Sentencings

**Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis:**

Elizabeth Mae Pearson of Frederic - Probation violations; sentenced to ten days in jail.

**Appearing before the honorable Dennis F. Murphy:**

David William Persing of Grayling - Assault-Weapon; sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with credit for 165 days served and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Wesley Lee Riness of Frederic - Probation violations; sentenced to 210 days in the county jail, with credit for 33 days served, to pay \$150 lab fee or additional 30 days; to pay \$150 fine or additional 30 days.

**Appearing before the Honorable Francis F. Walsh:**

Michael Richard Harland of Grayling - Larceny in a building; sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with credit for 1 day served, 30 days forthwith, 30 days held in abeyance, ordered to pay \$180 court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, restitution to be determined, and placed on 18 months probation.

Noah Nethers of Midland - Larceny in a building; sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with credit for 1 day served, 30 days forthwith to be served on weekends, 30 days held in abeyance, ordered to pay \$180 court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, restitution to be determined, placed on 18 months probation.

## 83RD DISTRICT COURT

### November, 1998 Sentencings

**Appearing before the Honorable Francis L. Walsh:**

Barry S. Armstrong of Grayling - License suspended/revoked 2nd offense; assessed \$250, 60 days in jail.

Michael Richard Kelly of Grayling - Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor; assessed \$660, 180 days probation.

Barbara Jean Saxton of Grayling - Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor; assessed \$660, 1 day in jail, 365 days probation.

Terry Allen Schwemle of St. Helen - Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor; assessed \$660, 180 days probation.

Patricia Marie Handrich of Grayling - Disturbance of the peace; assessed \$210.

Joseph Wayne Rogalski of Foley - Disturbance of the peace; assessed \$210.

Jason Alan McLean of Dexter - Attempted NSF check of \$50 or less; assessed \$138.65.

Jamie Arlan Reed of Grayling - Minor with BAC of .02-.07%; assessed \$460, 180 days probation.

Jamie Arlan Reed of Grayling - Unlawful use of a motor vehicle; assessed \$230, 45 days in jail, 365 days probation.

Darren Edward Redmond of Cheboygan - Controlled Substance - use of marijuana; assessed \$260.

Ann Marie Patterson of Frederic - Disturbance of the peace; assessed \$160.

Larry Allen Love of Grayling - Assault/Assault & Battery; assessed \$410, 730 days probation.

Ginger Ann Garnett of Grayling - License suspended/revoked 2nd offense, impaired driving; assessed \$820.

Steven Randall Burskey of Clinton Twp. - Controlled Substance - use of marijuana; assessed \$510.

Richard McNeil Cooley of Grayling - Possession weapons/firearms; sentenced to 13 - 60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Tina Kay Denno of Grayling - Substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with credit for 15 days served (120 days forthwith, remainder held in abeyance), ordered to pay \$240 court costs, \$160 restitution to S.T.I.N.G., \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$645 attorney fees, and placed on 24 months probation.

**Appearing before the Honorable George Alexander (by assignment for the Honorable Francis L. Walsh):**

William Frederic Denno of Grayling - Substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with credit for 3 days served (60 days forthwith, remainder held in abeyance), order to pay \$150 fine, \$180 court costs, \$60 restitution to S.T.I.N.G., \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$645 attorney fees, and placed on 18 months probation.

Gail Ann Randall of Grayling - Substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; ordered to pay \$180 court costs, \$30 restitution to S.T.I.N.G., \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$645 attorney fees, and placed on 18 months probation.

Ginger Ann Garnett of Grayling - Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor; assessed \$910, 14 days in jail, 365 days probation.

Matthew Joel Ashton of Novi - Impaired driving 2nd offense; assessed \$660, 365 days probation.

**Appearing before the Honorable George Alexander:**

William J. Murphy of Mt. Pleasant - Controlled Substance - use of marijuana; assessed \$292.

Tiffany A. Bannister of Echo Bay - Impaired driving; assessed \$560, 180 days probation.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Special thought for the week: There are a lot of cars with a part that should be recalled quickly; the nut at the wheel! Please drive extra safely during these winter months, and especially during the busy holiday season.

Have you signed up for our Christmas dinner yet? Just to remind you, the cost is \$2 for seniors and \$3.50 for juniors; the date is Tuesday December 15 and the times are noon and 5:30. Give us a call, 348-7123, and let us know which time is best for you. Did you know that we have a toll free number to call for those people who live outside the 348 or 344 exchange; the number is 1-888-335-4500. Please tell your "out-lying" friends and neighbors about it.

You guys and gals out there don't know what you're missing if you're not coming to the Euchre Club on Tuesdays. They are up to having four or five tables now. They sure have a lot of fun and more people could be having the same fun if they would only get off their duffs and come on in. Look over the activities and happenings at the center. Check it out, because no one really knows until they find out for themselves!

Also, look forward to the Christmas Tea and cookie exchange on the 16 at 4 p.m. Please bring two dozen cookies, four in a bag, so that they may be exchanged in packages of a half-dozen. You bring in two dozen and take home a dozen and a half, (a variety pack)!

Your week ahead:  
Birthday luncheon at 12:30 on the 9, as well as the RSVP White

Elephant auction at 5:30; blood pressures taken from 11-noon on the 10; Frederic Satellite on the 11 and Pantry Bingo at 1.

Hangman at 5:30 on the 14; Christmas dinners on the 15 and Christmas Tea on the 16 at 4 p.m. and COA Board meeting at 5:30; Foot Clinic, by appointment only on the 17, as well as the Lucky 7 Casino Trip; Share pick-up on the 18, Lovells Satellite, Pantry Bingo and Legal help, all on the 18th. Remember, drive safely and walk safely! Wouldn't it be nice if we could get through a winter without anyone falling on the ice and getting hurt or breaking something? Let's try for this year!

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11 - Beef Ragout/no dinner  
14 - Glazed Ham/Steak & Tomato stew

15 - Christmas dinners  
16 - Beef Tips & Noodles/Italian Pork Roast

17 - Home Fried Steak/Liver & Onions

18 - Chicken/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: Most of would be content with our lot, if we had a lot!

Please have a good week and stop in and see us soon.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Chad Carman and Misty Noack of Crystal announce the arrival of Brooke Michele Carman born

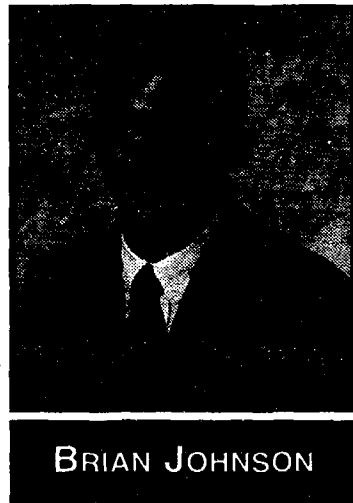
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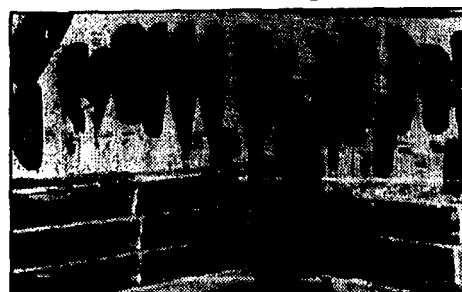


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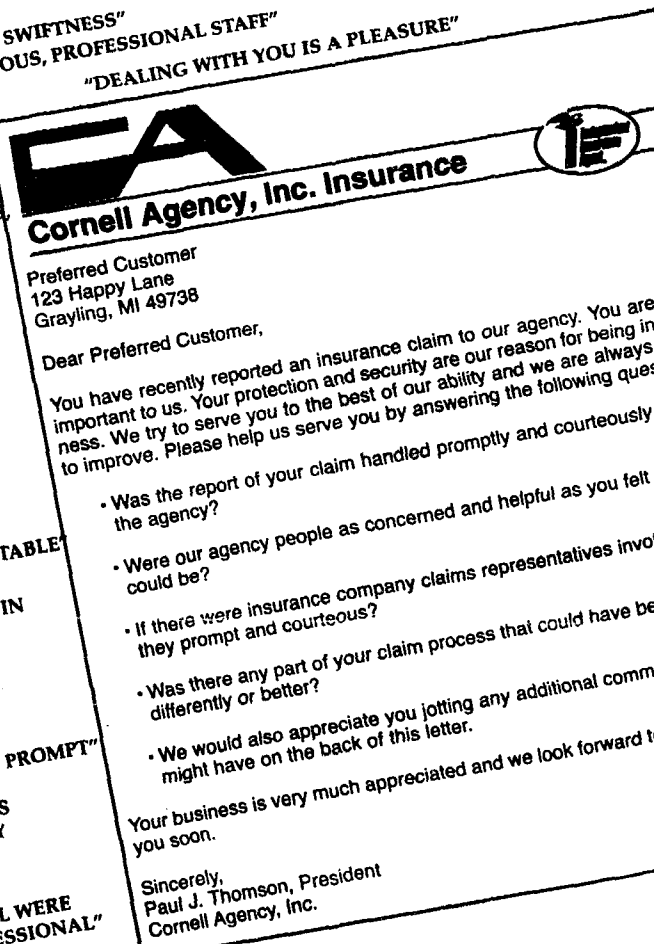
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# 15**

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Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____		Game 15 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____		Game 17 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____		Game 18 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Game 19 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #18 _____	

## Avalanche Football contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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- Fick & Sons
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- Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc
- \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza
- Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center

### Week #14 Winning Games

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Jacksonville (59) | 11. Miami        |
| 2. Buffalo           | 12. Tennessee    |
| 3. New Orleans       | 13. Minnesota    |
| 4. Atlanta           | 14. Tampa Bay    |
| 5. New England       | 15. Jacksonville |
| 6. Washington        | 16. Army         |
| 7. San Francisco     | 17. Air Force    |
| 8. NY Jets           | 18. Miami (94)   |
| 9. NY Giants (42)    | 19. Tennessee    |
| 10. Denver           | 20. Texas A & M  |

## Week #14 Football Contest Winner

**Lois Davis**

• with 16 correct answers,  
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1.) Detroit vs  
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6.) Denver  
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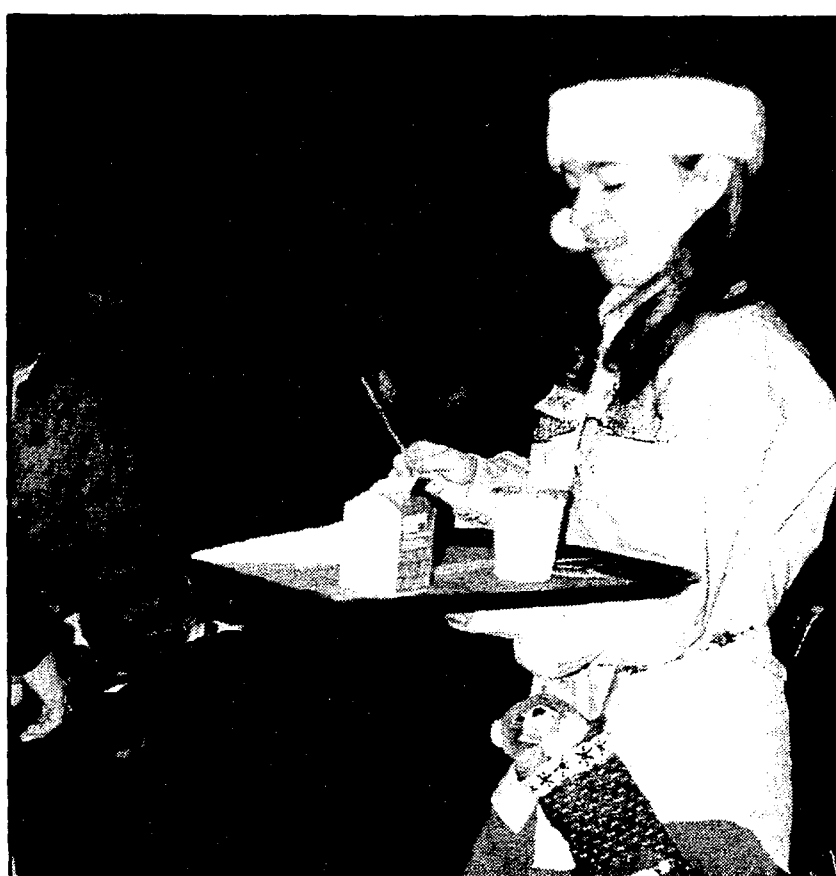
Section E - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 10, 1998

## Breakfast With Santa



**FACE PAINTING** -- One of Santa's Elves, Susie Hees (right), painted the faces of youngsters at Saturday's "Breakfast with Santa." The special breakfast event was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Over 200 kids came out to hang with Santa and eat french toast.



**BREAKFAST SERVICE** -- Elf and Junior Miss contestant Amie Price serves milk and orange juice to some of the "Breakfast with Santa" guests. Many of the Junior Miss contestants helped at the event, which was sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association.



Photos by Linda Golinick

**GIFT WRAPPING** -- Phyllis Hamilton (right) helped the young breakfast participants wrap gifts.



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?** -- Kids waited in line to talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Jack and Agnes Trudgeon processed photos of the youngsters with the Clauses.



**CHILDREN'S CORNER** -- (left) Donna Thomson does some gift wrapping for youngsters who did some of their Christmas shopping at St. Mary's Children's Corner. (right) GPA member Cindy Herron helps to prepare some of the morning's breakfast food: french toast sticks.



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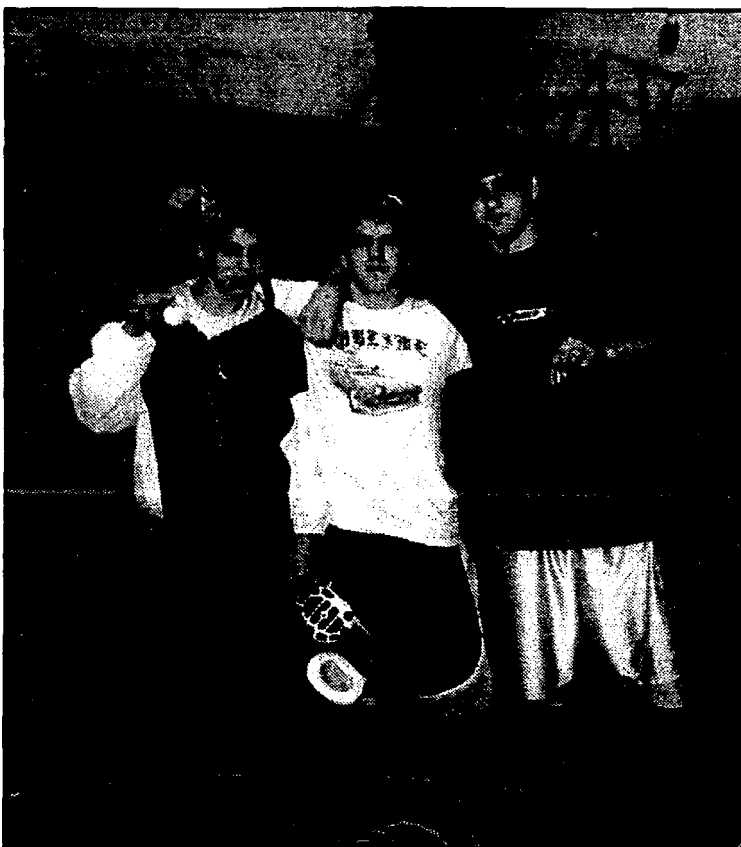
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**MEDAL WINNERS** -- (left to right) Matt Evon, Josh Niederer and Marc Weaver display the award medals that they earned at the December 5 Roscommon Invitational. Evon was a perfect 7-0 at the meet, and Niederer and Weaver each posted 6-1 records for the weekend invitational.



**THE WINNER IS** -- Marc Weaver is announced as the winner of a match at Saturday's tournament. Marianne Vollmer posted three wins for the Vikings, and Larry Baker won two matches. Andy Palmer, Chris McGuire, Ray Pyle, Victor CdeBaca, Chris Peters and Jason Dasho each won one match for Grayling.

## YOUTH BOWLING

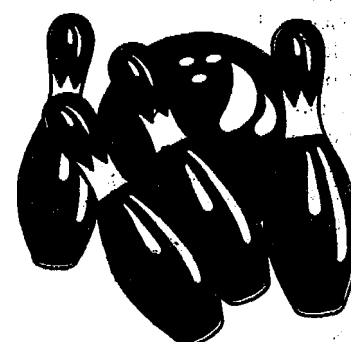
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T-birds	29 - 11
Ramblers	24 - 16
Chevilles	22 - 18
Corvettes	22 - 18
Mustangs	19 - 21
Road Masters	16 - 24
Camaro's	15 - 25
Mercury Cruisers	13 - 27
High Scratch Game Male - Rusty Strohpaal, 202. Female - A. Sturdivant, 139.	
High Scratch Series: Male - N. McNamar, 486; Female - K.	

Davis, 393.	
Most Pins Over Average Male - T. Gildner, 60; Female - J. King, 32.	
Most Pins Over Series Male - T. Gildner, 141; Female - J. King, 83.	

Rock	
Dimensions	19.5 - 10.5
Rat Pack	19 - 11
Supremes	16 - 14
Pretenders	15 - 15
Beatles	15 - 15
Temptations	15 - 15
Rolling Stones	13 - 17
Tops	7.5 - 22.5
High Scratch Game: Male - Z. Sheldon, 135; Female - S. Wilkerson, 109.	
High Scratch Series: Male - Z. Sheldon, 237; Female - S.	

Wilkerson, 212.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - Z. Sheldon, 37; Female - S. Wilkerson, 34.	
Most Pins Over Series: Male - J. Armstrong.	
A. Helsel picked up 4-6 split.	

Roll	
Twisters	24 - 6
Hound Dogs	20 - 10
Blue Suedes	15 - 15
Surfers	13 - 17
Leaders of the Pack	13 - 17
Limbo's	13 - 17
Jail House Rockers	11 - 19
Rock'n Robins	11 - 19
High Scratch Game: Male - J. Hagerman, 107; Female - C. King, 77.	



High Scratch Series: Male - J. Hagerman, 208; Female - C. King, 151.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - M. Rathburn, 48; Female - C. King, 24.	
Most Pins Over Series: J. Baker, 15.	

## DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR

THE DOCUMENTED FACTS ABOUT LOW BACK PAIN ARE ASTRONOMICAL IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF SUFFERING PATIENTS AND COSTS. FOR INSTANCE;

- 80-90% of all adults will suffer low back pain sometime in their life
- low back pain (LBP) is the leading cause of disability for people under 45
- LBP is the second leading cause of visits to doctor's offices
- LBP is the third leading reason for hospital admissions
- According to met life the average (medical) non surgical back treatment was \$7,210.00 and the average (medical) surgical back costs \$13,990.00

DESPITE NEW GOVERNMENTAL GUIDELINES FROM THE AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH WITHIN THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, OTHER DEFINITIVE STUDIES IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD, WHICH CLEARLY POINTS TO A SOLUTION WHICH IS CHEAPER, SAFER, QUICKER, LONGER LASTING AND HAS A HIGHER PATIENT SATISFACTION RATE—THIS FACT CONTINUES TO BE IGNORED BY MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO JUST FRANKLY DID NOT KNOW OTHERWISE AND OF COURSE THOSE WHO KNOW BETTER BUT REFUSE TO ADOPT THE TRUTH AND CONTINUE TO SUPPRESS THE FACTS:

### SO THEN, WHAT ARE THE FACTS

\*STATE OF UTAH, WORKERS COMP RECORD.....3,062 non surgical back ailments compared. Chiropractic outperformed medicine by a 10 to 1 margin in compensation costs.  
\*STATE OF OREGON, WORKERS COMP.....Dr. Rolland Martin, M.D. found patients with comparable back conditions-82% returned to work in 1 week under chiropractic care as compared to 42% medically.  
\*STATE OF CALIFORNIA, C.Wolf, M.D. compared 500 people sent to medical doctors and 500 sent to chiropractors. The chiropractic patients returned to the job after 15.6 days while those under medical care remained disabled 32 days.  
\*SILVERMAN AV MED HMO STUDY, 100 patients sent to chiropractic clinic by Florida HMO, prior to chiropractic care—80 were treated medically without results, 17 were diagnosed as having disc problems, and 12 (that's 12) were diagnosed as needing disc surgery.  
After chiropractic care: 86% had their ailments corrected. None of disc cases needed surgery and none of the patients were made worse. The medical director was initially skeptic but the 250,000.00 saved was indeed an eye opener for the HMO regarding cost effectiveness of chiropractic.  
\*T.W.MEAD,FRCP, BRITISH MEDICAL RESEARCH.....10 year government study completed 1990 showed that chiropractic was more effective than medical care for back pain by a 2 to 1 margin.  
\*KIRKALDY-WILLIS, M.D. AND D.CASSIDY, D.C. clinical study.....171 patients with disabling low back and sacroiliac pain for a period of 7 years. After chiropractic treatment.....87% returned to normal within 2-3 weeks and were pain free one year later. Another group of 11 patients with 17 years duration of spinal canal stenosis due to arthritic spurring were treated ....38% returned to normal. None became worse.  
\*BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, MARCH 7,1992.VOL.304,pages 601-5 .....study showed chiropractic care more effective with greater improvement in the primary complaint as well as physical functions than physical therapy and in fewer visits. It also demonstrated that chiropractic and physical therapy are not interchangeable. Chiropractic being a distinct and separate form of therapy. On a personal note I have found physical therapy very effective in rehabilitation, providing of course, the patient is also under chiropractic care which secures proper alignment, balance, weight bearing and motion of a spinal joint. Without first having proper structural balance and integrity of the spine, exercise can and often strengthens spinal problems generally. Moreover, Without proper joint function specifically, exercise can and does cause progressive and increased degenerative changes-period. The spine is the foundation of muscle health.

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 Aunt Betty's 25 - 27  
 Moshier Auto Repair 23 - 29  
 Just Us 23 - 29  
 Fick & Sons 21 - 31  
 Sawmill 14.5 - 37.5  
 High Game Men: D. Canfield, 221; L. Helsel, 197; L. Rioux 193.  
 High Series Men: D. Canfield, 551; L. Helsel, 541; J. Campbell, 522.  
 High Game Women: S. Phillips, 191; K. Trudeau, 177 and 177; S. Harris, 172.  
 High Series Women: S. Phillips, 474; K. Trudeau, 459; Y. Schreiber, 445.  
**Pioneer League**  
 Chemical Bank 33 - 15  
 Aunt Betty's 31 - 17  
 Avalanche 29 - 19  
 Millikin's 26 - 22  
 Custom Interior 23 - 25  
 Ginger's 21 - 27  
 Lady Slippers 18 - 30  
 Mercy Hospital 11 - 37  
 High Game: C. Jones, 203; L.

Golnick, 189; I. Hatfield, 185.  
 High Series: S. Sumner, 521; K. Trudeau, 513; C. Jones, 508.  
**Recreation League**  
 Gray Rock Cafe 32 - 20  
 Fun - N - Sun Rental 32 - 20  
 Scheer Motors 29.5 - 22.5  
 Mark 8 28 - 24  
 Glen's Market 25 - 27  
 Mickey Perez CPA 23 - 29  
 Peterson Saw Service 23 - 29  
 Cornell 15.5 - 36.5  
 High Game: S. Sumner, 216; M. McClanahan, 202; V. Balmes, 188.  
 High Series: S. Sumner, 550; V. Balmes, 508; M. McClanahan, 506.  
**Northwood**  
 Rochette's 38 - 14  
 Rich's Cycle Service 29.5 - 22.5  
 Millikin's 29 - 23  
 R. Calkins & Sons 25.5 - 26.5  
 Shady Acres Party Store 25 - 27  
 Darrell's Roofing 23 - 29  
 R & M Masonry 21 - 31  
 Milltown Chiropractic 17 - 35  
 High Game: L. Dannenberg, 228; L. Holtcamp, 211; S. Harney, 201.  
 High Series: L. Dannenberg, 550; L. Holtcamp, 515; D. Buccilli, 493.

**American Men's**  
 Upper Lakes 23 - 12  
 Fenton's Auto 22 - 13  
 McLean's Ace 20 - 15  
 Gaylord Ford 20 - 15  
 Joel's Team 14 - 21  
 Forrest Bros. 14 - 21  
 Stitches by Sue 14 - 21  
 Moore's Auto 13 - 22  
 High Game: M. Smith, 245; L. Davis, 229; M. Keir, 225.  
 High Series: M. Smith, 618; J. Thayer, 609; L. Davis and J. Helsel, 570.

**Triangle**  
 Barber Const. 32 - 16  
 C.S.I. Ind. Sys. 31 - 17  
 Moshier Auto 25 - 23  
 Airway Auto 24 - 24  
 Sumner 20 - 28  
 Johnson 9 - 39  
 High Game: C. Melick, 211; J. Golnick, 206; J. Campbell.  
 High Series: M. Sumner, 519; C. Melick, 516; J. Campbell, 510.

**Sunday Night Mixed**  
 Waste Management 36 - 14  
 Wakeley's Auto Parts 30 - 22  
 Custom Interiors 27.5 - 24.5  
 R&M Masonry 27 - 25  
 Us & Them 26.5 - 25.5  
 McDonald's 26 - 26  
 Citgo 19 - 33  
 McDonald's of Gaylord 16 - 36  
 Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 209; M. Ashworth, 198; B. Starks, 188.  
 Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 560; R. Moshier, 517; M. Ashworth, 507.  
 Women's High Game: M. Miller, 193; S. Sumner, 186; S. France and S. Wakeley, 178.  
 Women's High Series: M. Miller, 539; S. Sumner, 508; S. Wakeley, 489.

**National First**  
 Faustman's Insurance 55 - 29  
 Grayling Ford 47 - 37

Forest Brothers 46 - 38  
 Hellebuyck Masonry 43 - 4  
 Century 21 39 - 45  
 Swamp II 38 - 46  
 Northern White Tail 37 - 47  
 Gun's & Grub's 31 - 53  
 High Game: B. Palmer, 245, 227; A. Angove, 234; C. Brill and G. Goniwicha, 220.  
 High Series: B. Palmer, 662; A. Angove, 647; C. Brill, 578.

**Senior Citizen League**  
 Sylvester's Sports 28.5 - 23.5  
 Cornell Realty 28 - 24  
 Buccilli's Pizza 28 - 24  
 Totten's Body Shop 26 - 26  
 Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us 25 - 27  
 Baynham Forest Prod. 24.5 - 27.5  
 Stevens Family Circle 23 - 29  
 Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 203; P. Mead, 192; H. Ingram, 191.  
 Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 550; H. Ingram, 517; P. Mead, 502.  
 Women's High Game: D. Mead, 197; S. Dykstra, 179; A. Payne, 166.  
 Women's High Series: D. Mead, 512; S. Dykstra, 450; P. Essiambre, 440.

## POOL LEAGUE

**Women's Standings**  
 Sawmill II 88  
 Plaza 79  
 Spikes 74  
 Legion 74  
 Frederic Inn 60  
 Sawmill 56  
 Won all games played: Barb W. and Audrey W.  
 5 Ball Run: Vicki

## Results of Buck Pole '98

The following are the results of this year's two-day Buck Pole competition, Orangecoat Roundup '98:

**Sunday, November 15, 1998**  
 1. Glenn Gabriel, Westland  
 2. Cindy Reetz, Grayling  
 3. Don Latusek, Grayling  
 4. Rick Millikin, Grayling  
 5. Mark Millikin, Grayling  
 6. Ron Rakoczy, Grayling  
 7. Matt Evon, Grayling  
 8. Ed Hudzek, Gaylord  
 9. Charlie Rock, Grayling  
 10. Greg Light, Bay City  
 11. Dave Kase, Waterford  
 12. Jim Prosser, Grayling  
 13. Kim Curtis, Roscommon  
 14. Tim Francis, Grayling  
 15. Shawn Eads, Detroit  
 16. Todd Messerschmidt, Grayling  
 17. Derrick Abeare, Grayling  
 18. Robert Dudek, Carlton  
 19. Frank Dudek, Carlton  
 20. Greg Dudek, Carlton  
 21. Chris Millikin, Grayling  
 1st Buck: Glenn Gabriel; First Woman: Cindy Reetz; Heaviest Buck: Rick Millikin; Youngest Hunter: Matt Evon; Oldest Hunter: Tim Francis



**Monday, November 16, 1998**  
 1. Rene Mertes, Grayling  
 2. Tony Latusek, Grayling  
 3. Ron Rakoczy, Grayling  
 4. Don Denton, Grayling  
 5. Ron Thomson, Grayling  
 6. David Hubbard, Grayling  
 7. Ken Young, Warren  
 8. Harry Minion, Bonnevillie, KY  
 9. Art Thayer, Grayling  
 10. Shawn Thomas, Grayling  
 1st Buck: Rene Mertes; Youngest Hunter: Rene Mertes; Oldest Hunter: Art Thayer; Heaviest Buck: Shawn Thomas; Largest Rack Overall: Glenn Gabriel

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ACC400	Auditing	Mon.	6-9:25
MGT301	Small Business Management	Mon.	6-9:25
COM316	Small Group Communications	Mon.	6-9:25
MTH136	Fundamentals of College Math	Mon.	6-9:25
ACC401	Advanced Accounting I	Tues.	6-9:25
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Tues.	6-9:25
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tues.	6-9:25
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Tues.	6-9:25
MKT316	Sales Management	Tues.	6-9:25
ACC350	Accounting and Information Systems	Wed.	6-9:25
COM212	Intro to Speech	Wed.	6-9:25
MGT375	Organizational Dynamics	Wed.	6-9:25
CIS101	Computer Information Processing	Thurs.	6-9:25
COM122	College Writing II	Thurs.	6-9:25
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Thurs.	6-9:25
HIS202	American History 1820-1900	Thurs.	6-9:25
MGT345	Purchasing and Materials Management	Thurs.	6-9:25

\*\*All classes are held at Gaylord High School unless otherwise noted

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## Snowmobile association is ready for snow

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The unusually mild winter this past year didn't allow for the best of snowmobiling seasons, and recent weather conditions seem to indicate the potential for a repeat. "I sure hope it doesn't happen

again," said AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) president Rich Filley.

The lack of snow this late in the year has AVSA members concerned, because their official snowmobile season started December 1.

"We're already losing money this season," said Filley.

The AVSA currently has a contract with the DNR to maintain 50 miles of area snowmobile trails, including the 14-mile Blue Bear Connector and trails near

Frederic, Hanson Hills and Skyline. The AVSA won't get paid for grooming the trails as long as the ground is absent of snow.

Filley believes that legislation will be introduced in the future to remove the DNR from trail grooming altogether, putting more of the responsibility on associations like the AVSA.

"It is the DNR's intent to get out of the trail grooming business," said Filley. "We're looking at another 30 miles of trail coming at us. That should bring us up to 75-80 miles, and will require us to get another piece of equipment."

The AVSA now has two machines for trail grooming: a Tucker Snowcat, which the association bought in "used" condition five years ago when it was first getting started, and a new 130-horsepower Holland tractor, which is equipped with a 10-foot drag.

The AVSA bought the new tractor this year, and has used it for doing a lot of the ground work on the trails before snow covers them. The DNR's Groomer Replacement Program absorbed 60 percent of the bill, and the association borrowed the rest.

Filley said the AVSA does have other sources of funding in addition to the DNR grooming contract, including membership dues, fundraisers, contributions and the association's "Grayling Area Snowmobile Map."

"The map is a big share of what keeps us going," said Filley.

This is the second year the association has put out the map. "It was a much easier sell this year," said Filley.

The AVSA sells copies of the map to local retailers, which sell them to the public. Filley pointed out that the map is a "year-round map,"

since in addition to snowmobile trails it also shows the locations of ORV trails, public access sites to lakes and area campgrounds.

Membership dues are another source of revenue for the association. The AVSA charges \$20 for a yearly family membership and \$50 for businesses. Membership numbers are currently down in both areas. "The business community has not been as forthcoming as I would have wished," said Filley.

"We're growing pretty rapidly," he continued. "We want to have more members. I'm trying to raise community awareness. A lot of people don't realize the money people spend while snowmobiling."

"You've got people buying fuel, food, staying in motels. It's big business," he said.

A study done by Michigan State University's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources released earlier this year revealed that snowmobiling in Michigan supports about 6,500 Michigan jobs.

The study showed that approximately \$235 million was spent on snowmobiling equipment and \$150 million was spent on "snowmobile trips" during the winter of 1996-97.



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## Seven GHS students make CMU Honors Band

Seven Grayling High School Band students were recently accepted into the Central Michigan University (CMU) Honors Band.

The honors band is an "auditioned group," meaning in order to qualify students had to undergo a private audition, which consisted of scales, a prepared selection and sight reading.

Two hundred students from area schools auditioned for the band, and 86 were accepted. The seven from Grayling that made the cut were: Amy Doherty, Tim Ormsbee, Brandy Plutko, Krys Rugenstein, Erin Scott, Gwen Seifert and Heidie Wallace.

The group of 86 is considered to be a true honors band, according to CMU Director of Bands and Honors Band Director John E. Williamson, since a set instrumentation does not exist.

The Honors Band met on the weekend of November 14-15. On Saturday, November 14, the participants rehearsed with Director Williamson once in the morning and once in the afternoon. The band rehearsed one more time on Sunday, and then performed a concert at 4 p.m. that evening.



Photo courtesy of Dennis Ormsbee

**CMU HONORS BAND** -- (back row, left to right) Amy Doherty, Gwen Seifert, Heidie Wallace, Krys Rugenstein, John E. Williamson (Director of Bands at CMU), Erin Scott. (front row, left to right) Brandy Plutko, Tim Ormsbee.



## NCMC Foundation receives grant

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is pleased to announce a grant of \$100,000 from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland.

The funds from this grant will be distributed equally to the General Fund of each of NCMCF's five member counties (Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon).

In announcing the grant, Herbert D. (Ted) Doan, President and Trustee of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, stated, "We wanted to make sure that the NCMCF was able to qualify for its share of matching funds from the Kellogg Foundation's Youth Programs."

"We are pleased to support our northern neighbors, and wish the NCMCF well in its fine programs -- particularly its programs with youth -- knowing that it serves a five-county area that is among the poorest in the state in terms of per capita income."

John W. Wade, Chairman of NCMCF, noted, "This is a magnificent gift and gesture. General Funds are the most important we have, since income is unrestricted and can be applied to the areas of greatest need."

"By making \$20,000 available to the General Fund serving each of our counties, the Dow Foundation is helping us at the most basic level. We are very grateful for their support."

Wade then added, "NCMCF is now in the stretch drive to reach its \$2 million fund-raising objective by December 31, 1998."

"We hope this gift and others, will stimulate the residents of our five counties to step forward and help us as well. All they need to do is write a check to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653-0824, indicating the fund of their choice in the memo section of the check."

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# Keep holiday season safe with fire safety tips

The holiday season is traditionally a joyful time of the year, but it can also be a dangerous one if caution is not exercised with Christmas trees and holiday lighting, warn Consumers Energy and the State Fire Marshal.

"In 1997, Michigan fire departments report a loss of more than \$665 million in property values due to fires," said Carl L. English, vice president of electric transmission and distribution for the utility.

"People should try to pause in the hectic rush of getting ready for Christmas to make sure they are preparing and decorating in a safe manner."

Of the 49,627 fires reported in Michigan during 1997, four were attributed to Christmas tree incidents. These holiday fires accounted for property and content losses of \$63,250.

In December of last year, 297 cooking fires caused \$5.4 million in damages, six fires caused by decorations or extension cords/plugs resulted in damages of \$77,100 and 39 incidents of candle fires caused \$116,330 in damages.

"Last year, 182 deaths and 730 civilian injuries in our state were caused by fires," said Captain Wade Schaefer, State Fire

Marshal.

"These deaths are particularly tragic when they occur during the holiday season, so we encourage residents to check their smoke detectors to be sure they're operating properly."

Consumers Energy and the State Fire Marshal offer these safe holiday suggestions:

- Choose a fresh Christmas tree and water it frequently. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over and keep the tree away from heat sources and exitways.
- Keep burning candles away from deco-

rations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles and remember to keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

- When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory, such as UL®. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Don't overload electric outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

- When hosting holiday parties, provide guests who smoke with large, deep ashtrays. After the party, remember to check inside and under furniture and in trash cans for

smoldering cigarette butts.

- Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. Keep cooking areas clean, wear clothes with tight fitting sleeves, and turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of children's reach.

- Special care should be taken around your fireplace during this season. Make sure the flue is open before starting a fire. Never burn wrappings or a Christmas tree in the fireplace. The fumes can be toxic.

- Always keep a fire extinguisher handy. "If everyone follows these important safety rules, we'll have a safe and enjoyable holiday season," added English.

## It's All Happening Uptown

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Local retailers can help suggest gifts for that hard-to-buy-for someone, based on their experience. They might even know the person you're buying for!

### 4. Different merchandise to choose from.

When you buy local, you get merchandise with a local flavor, not things chosen by a buyer in a faraway city. Handmade goods and unique gifts--they're just part of buying at home.

### 5. Support your local economy!

The money you spend today in your local economy helps to build your community tomorrow by providing tax dollars, jobs and many intangible benefits. Before you go out of town to make your purchases, check out the downtown area and see what we can offer you.

Brought to you by the Grayling Uptown District Association and Businesses.



Give a gift that will be treasured for years to come.

### The Grayling Antique Mall

100 Mich. Ave. (Across from the Depot) • 348-2113  
Mon., Thur., Fri. & Sat. 10 - 5 • Sun. 11 am - 3 pm • Tues. & Wed. after Dec. 15

"Give them the gift that lasts a lifetime"

### Davis Jewelers & Gemologist

235 Mich. Ave. • 348-5111 • Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:30 pm

"Make someone's Christmas Merry with Delta tools"

### DuBois Lumber Company

609 Norway Street • 348-4831  
Mon. - Fri. 8 am to 5 pm • Sat. 8 am to 3 pm

Unique Gifts, Greeting Cards, Yankee Candles & Personal Service

### J. Dap Co.

118 Michigan Ave. • 348-7661  
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am to 6 pm • Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

Outdoor Casual Apparel, Custom Photo Development & Quality Dry Cleaning

### Riverland Gear

122 Michigan Ave. • 344-0047  
Mon. - Fri. 10 am to 6 pm • Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

Christmas Gift Baskets & Retail Gifts Available

### Stevens Family Circle

231 Michigan Ave. • 344-2111  
Mon. - Thurs. 8 am to 8 pm • Fri. & Sat. 8 am to 9 pm

Unique Gifts & Jewelry & Handcrafted Items

### Mary's Corner Books & Lady Slipper Gifts

203 Michigan Ave. • 348-4731  
Mon. - Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

50% off Airwalk Shoes & Columbia Boots

### Bicycle Shop - 'We make Grayling a better place'

200 E. Michigan Ave. • 348-6868  
Tues. - Sat. 10 am to 6 pm

For best selection order your Christmas flowers early!

### Flowers by Josie

212 Mich. Ave. • Uptown Grayling • 348-4006  
Open Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:30 pm • Fri. 9 am - 8 pm till X-mas • Sun. 11 am - 2 pm

"For the person seeking quality" Begin & finish your shopping here!

### The Ice House

509 Norway

Boutique Styles--let you stand out in the crowd!

### Parrott's Perch Boutique

207 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling • 348-2743  
Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 6 pm • Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

Looking for that different ornament? We have it!

### The Enchanted Forest

218 Mich. Ave. • Uptown Grayling • 348-6142

Custom Framing & Prints

### The Framery II

127 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling • 348-8817  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10 to 5:30 • Wed. 12 Noon to 7 • Sun. 11 to 3

• Hair • Nails • Tanning • Gift Certificates Available

### The Hair Station

204 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling  
348-7557

Gift Certificates Available

### Northern Expressions

ABBA Pure & Natural Hair Care Products with Aromatherapy Oils  
Helps create a positive sense of well being.  
402 James, Grayling • 348-8555

Moccasins, Jewelry, Leather Goods & Novelty Gifts

### AuSable Gifts

404 Norway • 348-5899  
Mon. - Sun. 10 am to 5 pm

While out shopping, stop in for our daily lunch special!

### Sawmill

104 Michigan Avenue • 348-4588  
Open 7 days a week

Subscription Gift Certificates Available

### Crawford County Avalanche

102 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling  
348-8811 • FAX 348-6806 • Mon. - Fri. 9 to 5



# Thanksgiving Dinner serves 400 meals

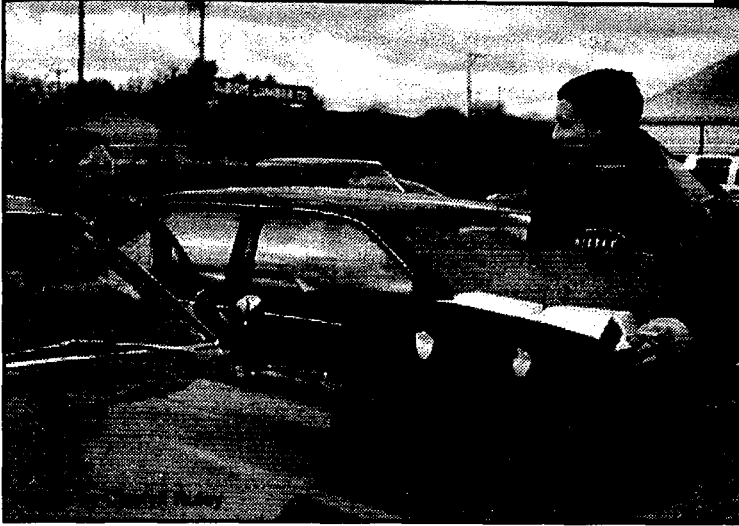
Volunteers cooked, roasted, served and/or delivered about 400 meals on Thanksgiving Day in what has become an annual Crawford County tradition.

Several area business and citizens donated food, supplies and money to make the 5th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner possible.

Funds remaining after covering the cost of the dinner will be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center to help pay for Christmas dinners and goodies for those in need this holiday season.



**VOLUNTEER FORCE** - (Above) Joyce Sorenson (right) and Shirley Hammermeister (left) help fill carry-out dishes with delicious holiday food such as turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, while (at left) high school students Jessica Abfalter and Derek Gregorich prepare to deliver some of the 210 Thanksgiving dinners delivered to area homebound and elderly citizens.





**Kirtland**  
CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

*The Place to be on Saturday Night!*

## Holiday Swing

sponsored by Sharp's Corner IGA

**Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m.**

Swing into the season with music that warms the heart and quickens the pulse with performances of some of the most loved and beautiful sounds of the holidays. All done with spectacular arrangements as played by one of the nations premier big bands. As the former USO's official entertainment for the 50th commemoration of World War II, "The String of Pearls Orchestra, Singers and Dancers" have performed across the U.S. and overseas. Kick-off your holiday celebration on an up-note, gather with loved ones, renew old memories and celebrate the season, at Kirtland.

**Kirtland Ticket Office 517-275-6777**

Hotel accommodations for all KCPA artists provided by Quality Inn - West Branch - David Clouse - Manager  
For reservations call 1-800-228-5151  
News Channel 7&4 Exclusive Television Sponsor  
10775 NORTH ST. HELEN ROAD - ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

## LEGAL ACTION

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 9th day of November, 1998

#### Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Joe Jarvis, Bob Bovee, Caleb Casey, Roger Moshier, Skylynn Palmer, Dennis Palmer.

III. 98-84

Moved by Brown, supported by Golinick that the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearing. None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. From Michigan State Police regarding space. The City Manager will check into this request and report back to Council at a later date.

b. From Crawford AuSable Schools regarding the December 8, 1998 Special Election.

c. From Dave Camp regarding National Guard funding.

d. Cable Michigan TV memo of merger and numbers to call for service. The new owner is Avalon Cable.

VI. Old Business. None.

VII. New Business.

a. City Board & Commission appointments for 1999. The City Manager will contact the incumbents and bring back to the next meeting re-appointments of the boards and commissions.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

IX. Reports of City Manager.

a. Letter to Bill Gannon of GUDA regarding two letters received. Ms. Palmer ask how and when Mr. Stevens and Mr. Morford were appointed to represent the City at GUDA meeting. Mr. Golinick explained they were appointed as representatives for Guda when he was Mayor.

b. Public Hearing at the next meeting regarding re-zoning of certain lots in Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition for O.S. to R-2.

X. Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer noted that she had been concerned about leaves at the Cemetery but noted that they are now being raked.

b. Ms. Palmer noted that the I-75 BL highway is looking good after recent paving by MDOT.

XI. Adjournment.

98-85

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

Grayling, Michigan

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a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$15,904.35) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, the following described mortgage located in Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 19; thence no degrees 26'50" E (along the section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34' 30" W 1476.76 feet; thence N 4 degrees 41' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.2 feet thence no degrees 28' 50" W 1335.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30" E 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 25' 50" W 209 feet to the point of beginning.

which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 (a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

First National Bank of Michigan  
241 E. Saginaw  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823  
Dated: November 30, 1998  
Drafted By:  
WILLIAM M. AZKOUL (P40071)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
161 OTTAWA, N.W., STE. 111-A  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503  
(616) 458-1315

-10-17-24-31

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William W. Witt and Mary H. Witt his wife (original mortgage to Citizens Bank f/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 1995, and recorded on May 25, 1995 in Liber 394, on Page 235, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Eighteen and 36/100 dollars (\$25,018.36), including interest at 10.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 10.01 acres of the South 70.07 acres of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated November 26, 1998

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(248) 642-4202  
Trott and Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Citizens Bank,  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #981110704

Property Address  
514 Headquarters Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

-25-3-10-17-24

### Notice of Mortgage Sale

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interest in, or Liens upon the Lands

As described:

that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the Treasurer of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with 50% additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service plus cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon service of a Summons upon commencement of an Action, and without

other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan.

Description of lands.  
Lot # 15 Northern Heights - Warblers Hideaway Association  
Property tax code 010-14-400-00-015-00

Sonja Dee (Roach) Eddy - last known address 6334 Thornapple Lake Road Lot #40 Nashville, MI 49703.

Amount necessary to redeem \$33.00 plus fees of the Sheriff and cost of publication.

Persons shown above are last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the Register of Deeds office of said County, or holders of unrecorded Quit Claim Deeds to the land described above.

Warblers Hideaway Association, tax deed holder - Valerie Johnston Treasurer, 2704 Lovells Rd. Grayling, MI 49738  
-25-3-10-17

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Publication of Notice Of Hearing

File No. 98-4645-CH(D)

MARIAN GRAHAM and GERALD GRAHAM, Plaintiffs,

vs. THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker, Defendant.

MONTE BURMEISTER P48732 BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES Attorney for Plaintiffs  
306 State St., P.O. Box 708, Grayling MI 49738  
(517) 348-6141

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 4 day of Sept., 1998.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

THE COURT having considered the Plaintiff's Motion for alternative Service, and being persuaded of the necessity for Alternative Service, NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

that this matter, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the heirs and decedents of FREDERICK L. BARKER, are hereby to be served by Notice through pub-

lication in the Crawford County Avalanche. Said publication shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANT, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker are included within this notice.

1. You are being sued under a COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE within the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. THAT an ANSWER needs to be filed within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rules must be taken.

3. That a failure to ANSWER or to take other action will result in a default and default judgement being enforced against the Defendant, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker.

4. Plaintiff shall also post a notice and one subject property for the same three weeks prior.

Dated: September 4, 1998

HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
-10-17-24

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids on the following used equipment at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648 Grayling, Michigan 49738, prior to 10 A.M. on Monday, December 21, 1998, with bids to be opened at the regular Board meeting on December 23, 1998.

Items can be viewed at The Road Commission For Crawford County Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM Contact person: Jeff McClain

#### ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SOLD "AS IS"

1990 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royale 3.8L V-6, 96,560 miles

1989 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup 305 V-8 automatic trans, 202,500 miles

1990 Chevrolet 1 Ton Crew Cab pickup 6.2 Diesel automatic trans, 192,000 miles

1986 Ford F-350 1 Ton Dump truck 351 V-8 automatic trans, 123,975 miles

1987 Ford L-9000 Tandem axle truck 240hp L-10 Cummins engine, Fuller 9 speed transmission, 10 yard DO-AL conveyor box, 12' Root underbody scraper, plow hitch, 280,000 miles

12' Root F-44 underbody - stripped down - hangerboard and mold board only

Dayton wire welder 160 amp (No Power Lead)

Generator/Welder gas powered (needs work)

2 New Saddle Fuel Tanks with brackets 55 gallon

1 Pallets miscellaneous hardware

Compactor 4hp Kohler

Victor line torch set-up with table

2 new front bumpers (heavy trucks)

4 Six volt batteries (dry)

9 20" truck rims

Eutectic surface hardening kit

BIDS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE AS TO THE ITEM BEING BID.

The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bid, to reject any or all bids, and to accept bids, which in their opinion, are in the best interest of the Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: The Road Commission For Crawford County

RAYMOND SWIERCZ, Chairman

ROBERT NELSON, Vice-Chairman

WILLIAM GANNON, Commissioner

-3-10-17

### Grayling Township Notice

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 22, 1998, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W. M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

Case 98-8: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee, Petitioner  
P.O. Box 406  
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code/Location: All Planned Industrial and Planned Commercial Zones designated by Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 as amended.

Request: (A) Amend Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 as amended by Ordinance 98-1 Planned Industrial District. Reduce the buffer zone specified in Section 35.4D from 1320 feet to 100 feet.

Request: (B) Established building setbacks within the Planned Industrial and Planned Commercial Districts consistent with building setbacks of other Industrial and Commercial Zones within Grayling Township.

Zoning Ordinance, map and case files are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular office hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

FACTS AND

# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 13-19

### ARIES

March 21-April 20

You'll be torn in different directions this week when friends want you to spend time with them, but your family needs time, too. Why not plan something for everyone concerned? Try hosting an informal holiday party, and everyone will be happy.

### TAURUS

April 21-May 21

It will be a busy week on the job. Use your creativity frugally. If you need some money or reimbursement for work expenses, wait until mid-week to ask for it. Postpone that romantic dinner with your partner. Neither of you will be ready to focus on each other.

### GEMINI

May 22-June 21

You'll be able to get your personal finances under control again. Maybe you should consider getting involved with a new financial prospect. Listen to your financial adviser. If you've got a full plate, ease your workload by seeking help from a coworker.

### CANCER

June 22-July 22

Relax and enjoy social and business events this week. They should go better than you thought in the first place. You and your partner have hit a rocky place in your relationship. Don't read too much into words or actions, it may just be the pressure of the season.

### LEO

July 23-August 23

Try to be tolerant and open-minded at work this week. Events may be happening that you don't totally agree with. You will eventually have a chance to voice your opinion, but it would be better for you if you waited until that chance came along.

### VIRGO

August 24-September 22

It may be cold outside, but this would be a good week for you to explore what nature has to offer. Could be it's just the breath of fresh air your project or problem needs. Don't go over your budget this week. Instead, think about how you can cut back.

### LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Your pioneering spirit may come to the forefront this week. Take advantage of it and have a good time. Don't be too hasty making end-of-the-year investments. Something may turn out to be not as good as it seemed at first. Be careful who you listen to.

### SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Don't let your holiday preparations bog you down. Look on the bright side... eventually, things will slow down and get better. You just have to work your way through the next month. Keep your eyes open for a good value on an item you've been wanting.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

Think about consolidating some of your tasks, which could help you use your energy more wisely. Back-to-back meetings one day this week will only get to you if you allow them to. Stop and take a breather between them!

### CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

If you haven't organized your thoughts or the projects you've been working on, it could really backfire on you. Stop. Take time out for a little organization. You'll end up being more productive than if you hadn't. Your hobbies will be at the forefront of life this weekend.

### AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Take a night off this week and do something different or special. You haven't been to the art gallery in a while. Or maybe a concert is more your style. Grab your partner and get out there. You can't work 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### PISCES

February 19-March 20

You have reason to celebrate, so plan a party! Choose a little family and a little friends—just make sure they all get along. Having a party could really make you feel better. At work, join with others to reach a goal you've been aiming for.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### VIRGINIA BLUE CRAB BISQUE

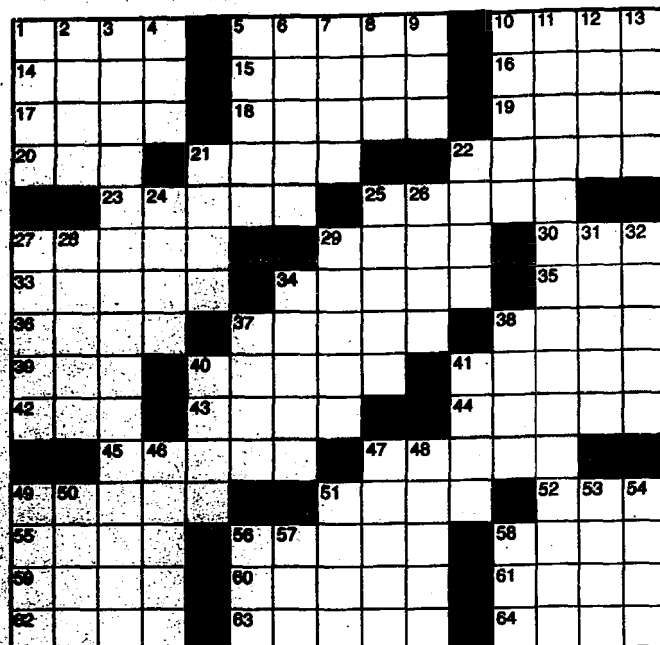
4 tbsp. butter  
1/4 cup minced onion  
2 tbsp. flour  
1/4 tsp. each cayenne pepper, mace and nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. finely chopped parsley  
3 cups milk  
3 oz. dry sherry  
2 cups light cream  
1 lb. backfin crab meat

Melt butter in 3 qt. saucepan and saute

onion until clear. Add flour, mixing well, and cook until bubbly. Add all seasonings and stir well. Gradually add milk, using a whisk to ensure smoothness. Cook until thickened. Add sherry and cream. Cook another 5 minutes, but don't boil. Gently fold in meat and heat through. This soup is best made ahead, refrigerated and then heated to serve.



## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Form an opinion
- Pine
- BYU's state
- French pronoun
- Believe it
- "Shall" precursor
- In the middle of
- Type of door or treat
- Spice
- 12: abbr.
- le Pew
- Hereditary factors
- Past adolescence
- Peculiarity
- Nail-biting, e.g.
- Useless bustle
- Lanka
- Put up a monument
- Sound Bo Peep longed to hear
- Chew the fat
- Small amount
- Tsuris
- Tops
- Cooper's wood
- Unfamiliar
- HBO offering
- Butterfly snatcher
- Toupees, slangily
- Marriage
- April sign
- Pretend
- Unrelated
- Actress Jane Fonda
- Rhythm

- Singer Logan
- Pleasant door
- Brim
- Food for pigs
- Puffs
- Alert
- Knighting results
- Soil turner
- "Brown- Girl" (Van Morrison song)

### DOWN

- Expired
- "Sesame Street" character
- Child star born 2/27/32
- Between sm. and lg.
- Sing without words
- Blow, à la Etna
- Stake
- Legendary avian
- Extreme degree
- Absolute
- Fourth Thursday in November
- Excellent
- Embraces
- Kin of chip or drive
- Heart of the matter
- Recipe verb
- Elizabeth, for one
- Gp. with the right stuff
- Cartoon hero
- Revolt
- Aviates
- Transceiver
- Rosmersholm playwright
- Ships' prisons
- Sticky stuff
- "Tail Sally"
- Dehydrated
- Actress Esther
- Receives the benefits
- Illustrious
- Use artgum
- Woman on Catfish Row
- Desire (Stanwyck film)
- Teetotaler's bar order
- Fairy tale monster
- Incline
- Cries of delight
- Kind of session
- Sheep mother

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1975

Kirtland Community College started offering Governmental Accounting. The Michigan Local Governmental Accounting course was offered for local treasurers, clerks, and bookkeepers. The course had enrolled 33 local government clerks, treasurers, and bookkeeping from six counties.

August graduates of Kirtland Community College's Practical Nursing Program received confirmation that the 26 graduates ranked third highest of 32 schools in the state taking board examinations.

Michigan's 1975 firearm deer harvest was gauged at 87,100 animals. The preliminary estimate came from the Department of Natural Resources.

Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM will install officers for 1976 on Saturday, December 13th. Officers to be installed are: Donald Jansen, Worshipful Master; Rex McMillen, Senior Warden; Harold Kauffman, Junior Warden; James Hough, P.M. Treasurer; Charles Knowles, P.M., Secretary; Arnold Stancil, P.M., Chaplain; George Richter, Senior Deacon; Charles Ryan, Junior Deacon; Elmer Fenton, Ralph Sanders, Mark Hartman and Russel Hubbard, Stewards; Marvel Zimmerman, Marshal; William Laurie, Tiler.

The most improved golfers of the year at the Grayling Club was announced this week by President Dr. Robert Schwartz. Named to this elite group were, Mrs. Rich "Sis" Burr of the Grayling House, and Paul Thomson of Cornell Realty.

Santa arrives to pass out goodies to area children following his arrival at Santa's house at the cor-

ner of Michigan and Peninsular, in downtown Grayling.

Kim Rentschler, Jerry Owens Emma Brown and Orin Peltó are highlighted in the new 1976 Bear Archery catalog currently in production. The theme of the catalog is "Rural Route One, Grayling, Michigan", and features the employees of Bear Archery, as well as scenes from the Grayling area.

Weather permitting Bear Mountain will open on December 19th. Family membership is \$125; students, \$50; students tow fee per day, \$2.50; evening students skiing, \$1.25 per day; adults day to fees, \$3.50; adults evening skiing, \$1.75, for taxpayers or residents in Crawford County. The season rates for non-residents and non-taxpayers of the county will be doubled the above rates.

### 46 YEARS AGO

December 11, 1952

Robert Welsh and Clare Melroy spent Tuesday afternoon in Traverse City where they attended a parts and service meeting.

Kenneth Burkhardt has taken over Township Treasurer while Charles Craven was sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hubbel have moved to Grayling for the winter.

Bessie Feldhauser is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties at the A & P store in Grayling.

Fred Bear spent last week on a hunting trip in Kentucky.

Dr. Leonard Allison was in St. Paul Minnesota three days last week as representative of the Institute for Fisheries Research, to attend the Tri-State Fisheries meetings. The state's included are Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. These meetings, held once a year are called in a different state each year, their purpose to

discuss fisheries problems pertinent to these three states.

### 69 YEARS AGO

December 12, 1929

Grayling debaters win from Standish: M.A. Bates introduced the speakers. The Grayling team is made up of Mary Mahncke, Margaret Warren and Thorwald Sorenson.

The following girls are leading the doll contest at Mac & Gidley Drug Store: Gwenivere Trudeau, Beulah Holmberg, Eva Swanson and Betty Sparkes.

Miss Ethel Hoffa arrived in Grayling from Chicago Wednesday noon to commence her service as district health nurse, in cooperation with Dr. R. B. Howard.

At a meeting of the O.E.S. on December 4th, Miss Fern Armstrong was elected treasurer of the order to fill the office formerly occupied by Mrs. John Zeder.

The I.O.O.F. held election of officers December 3rd, the following being elected: N.G. Christ Johnson; V.G. Clarence Robertson; Rec Sec'y, A.M. Peterson; Finance Sec'y, Paul Ziebell; Treas., H. Peterson; Trustee, George McCullough and Hall Manager, Herbert Gothro.

### 92 YEARS AGO

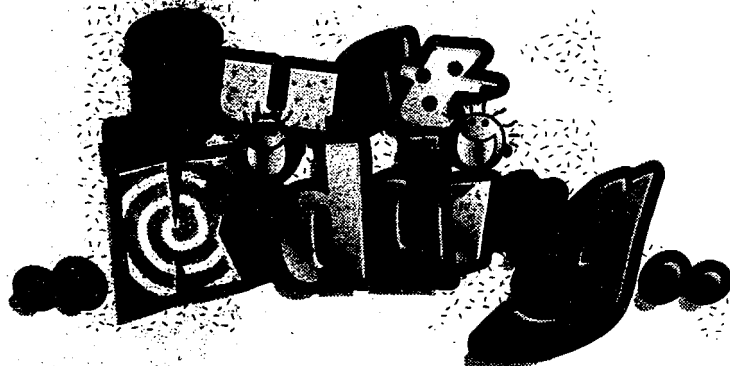
December 13, 1906

Just enough snow for good sleighing and just cold enough to hold it.

D. Trotter of Toledo was in town yesterday on business and taking time to shake hands with friends.

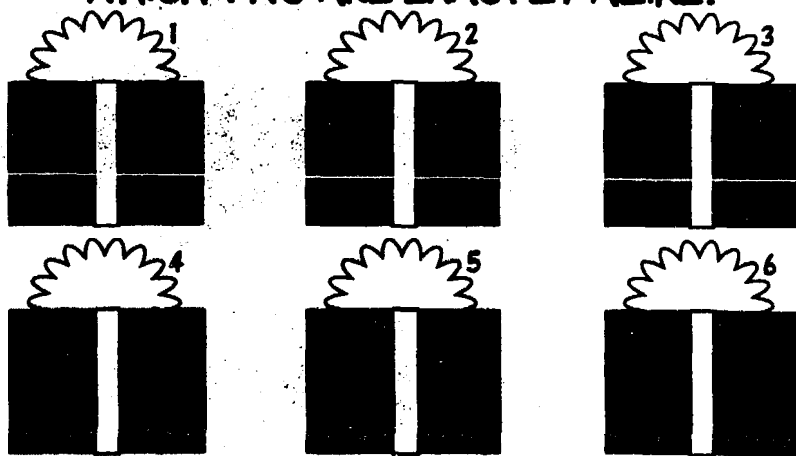
George F. Owen is putting the last coat of plaster on the Joseph Douglas house in Lovells.

Rev. Coombs of Frederic now preaches in the Buck School House.



## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: TWO AND THREE



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Rain
12/2	52	34	
12/3	57	35	
12/4	59	33	.03
12/5	56	32	.02
12/6	55	41	
12/7	55	28	.71
12/8	30	23	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Chance of snow showers on Thursday with the high in the 30's to 40's and low in the mid to upper 20's. Friday will be dry with the high in the mid 30's to 40's and low in the mid 20 to 30. Saturday shows a chance of rain and snow with the high in the upper 30's to 40 and low in the 30's.




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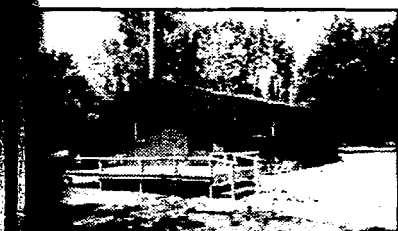
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**VERY WELL MAINTAINED** mobile home with 2 nice additions. 3 bedrooms, sunroom and large foyer. Dining room offers bay window & built in hutch. Bath offers double vanity. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and electric dryer. 24x26 detached garage with remote door opener, has front & rear entrance for snowmobiles also a 21x12 basement. Adjoining state land. Great Recreational Getaway! \$49,000 CS-787



**AFFORDABLE CABIN NEAR MANISTEE & AUSABLE RIVER.** Ideal Snowmobile or Hunting cottage. Located on county maintained road. No septic or plumbing. Bath with a path. All contents and furnishings included. \$17,900 CH-840



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**301 BRINK STREET.** This 972 sq. ft. home sits on two and one half lots in the heart of the city. It offers two bedrooms, one bath, a 9x14 utility room, a 12.5x16 dining room, and a 16x18 living room perfect for a small family. \$27,000 CH-793



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**3373 JONES LAKE ROAD, 1,164 SQ. FT.,** 2 bedroom, 2 baths, snow roof, fireplace, appliances, vinyl siding, 10'x10' deck, 28'x40' garage insulated, heated, dog kennel. Storage building. \$49,500 CH-836

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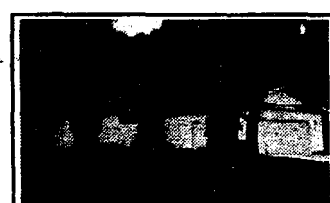
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**CONVENIENT IN TOWN LOCATION.** 3 bedroom, 2 baths with skylights. Cathedral ceilings, oak kitchen cabinets and a patio door. Includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Built in 1997. \$70,000 (MC-1049)




**A VERY CLEAN WELL KEPT 3 bedroom** home on a wooded 1 acre lot. Enclosed porch, fireplace and 2 car garage. Includes stove and refrigerator. Close to Higgins Lake and state land. \$69,000 (TV-1080)




**M-72 WEST** of Grayling is the location of this 3 bedroom home located on 2.3 acres. Close access to Manistee River, state land & snowmobile trails. \$59,900 (DL-1044)




**COUNTRY LIVING** on 5 acres. Well-maintained 3-bedroom home features walk-in closet, new carpeting in living room, 24" x 32" pole barn, new well pump in '97, curbside trash pick-up, 200 amp service and washer and dryer. \$66,500 (KM-1097)




**RAISED RANCH HILLSIDE SETTING.** Features paved city streets, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, many updates, including furnace, water heater, well, pump, tank, septic system, roof, breaker box & upgrades. '97 SEV \$18,700 Asking \$39,900 (KM-1072)



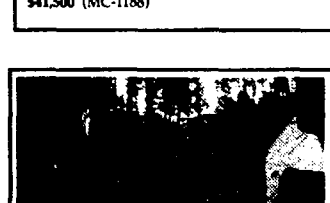
**PARK ST. CITY OF GRAYLING.** 3 bedroom home, partial basement. Handicap ramp. Looking for rental income? Purchase this home and let the rent make the payments. \$41,500 (MC-1188)



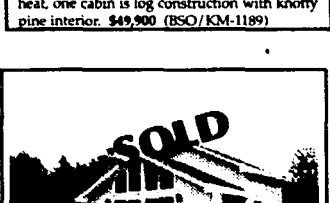
**ATTENTION HUNTERS AND SNOWMOBILERS!** 15 acre parcel adjoining state land. Two cabins share a well, no septic electricity has been updated. Wood and oil heat, one cabin is log construction with knotty pine interior. \$49,900 (BSO/KM-1189)



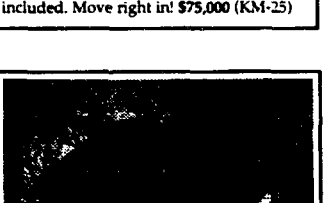
**SHERWOOD FOREST** subdivision is the location of this 1,456'. Offering 3 bedrooms, large closets, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings and an open floor plan. All appliances are included. Move right in! \$75,000 (KM-25)



**QUALITY HOME** on beautifully wooded lot in desirable area. This 4-bedroom home offers kitchen with center island and ceramic tile, berber carpet, spacious bedrooms on a landscaped lot. Bonus room to be completed with drywall and carpeting. \$123,900 Reduced to \$118,900 (BSO-22)




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**Three bedroom home** very secluded with a nice mixture of oaks, maples and white pines; over 3 acres. Reduced \$69,900 (DL-116)


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**THREE BEDROOM HOUSE** in city of Grayling. Range, refrigerator included, washer and dryer, cable TV connections. Large lot, utilities not included. No pets, \$550 and \$550 security deposit. 404 Date St., Grayling (517) 348-4716. (12/3/98tf/2)

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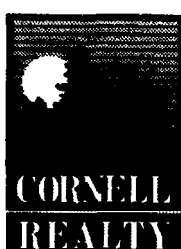
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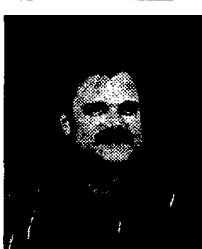


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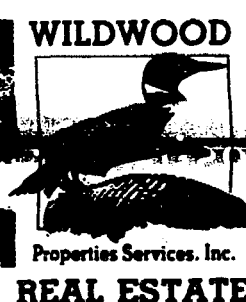
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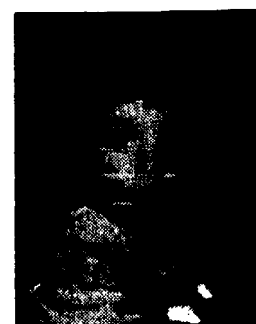
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Attractively decorated brick ranch home with spacious rooms throughout! Home features 3 generous sized bedrooms, one & a half baths. Large living room has a stunning brick fireplace with new gas log insert, the formal dining area is graced with hard wood flooring. Lush lawn with 5 zone underground sprinkling system will leave a lasting impression. \$84,500 #4362 Ask for Connie Winans!



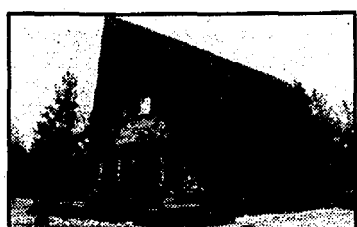
Currently being leased to "Pony Express." Has 2-15' garage doors. Easy access to Gaylord and Northern areas. #4364 \$80,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Charming and clean, 2 bedroom home located in the Lake Margrethe vicinity. Would make an excellent "Up-North" get-away, or great starter/retirement home. Some of the highlights are the brick fireplace with wood stove insert, and the large fenced back yard with decking, fire pit and sun porch. Semi-secluded yet not too far from town. #4336 \$49,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



"New Listing" This two bedroom home can be a great investment opportunity or a starter home. Has a privacy fence in back yard, located in town for convenience. #4272 \$38,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



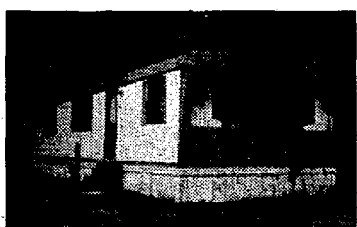
Right at the river's edge, is situated this fantastic Northern Michigan retreat. Walk-out level, great view of the river. Attached garage and great location. #4235 \$120,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



One bedroom home perfect for a starter home. Features 24x24 garage and conveniently located close to town. #4375 \$35,000 Ask for Dwight Hassan



Well maintained mobile home. Offers a new metal roof, new water tank, new furnace and new well pump. Great location for snowmobiling and fishing the famous North Branch of the AuSable River. #4329 \$25,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, snowmobile and RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic and is priced to sell. #4217 \$29,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



A fantastic opportunity as a rental investment! Duplex has all newly finished interior and exterior. Zoned Residential/ Commercial with a great location on the corner of M-72 East and Huron Street. A must see! #4312 \$79,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



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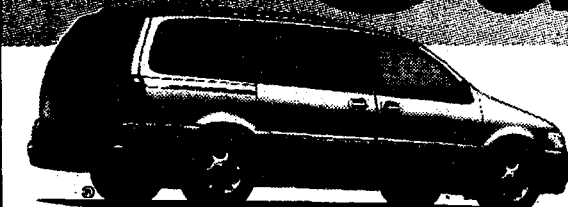
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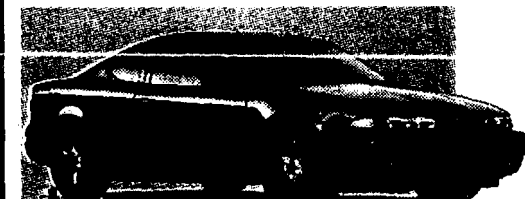
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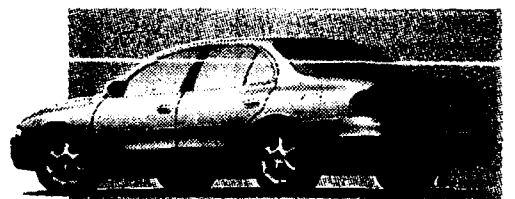
1999 Alero GL Coupe

Red w/neutral cloth, 2.4 L. twin cam 4 cyl., stereo & CD, rear spoiler, lots more! Stock #7312.

M.S.R.P. .... \$19,420

SAVE ..... \$1,920

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